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CAPTAIN DERBY EDITS A NEWSPAPER
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GEORGE H. DERBY

This month we tell the story of George H. Derby editing the **San Diego Herald**. In a previous issue we gave an account of his experience in supervising a duel.

The actions of Derby were so fantastic that some of our readers wonder if he really ever lived. Indeed he did! What is more, in his last year at West Point he stood seventh in scholarship and one hundred eighteenth in conduct!

Derby graduated in time to see active duty in the Mexican War. Whatever may have been his extracurricular activities, he rendered distinguished service in that conflict.

He injected a lot of fun into his years of military service in California. In this he is to be commended. Too many of his fellow officers drowned their boredom in drink and gambling. Not Derby. He was always on the alert for mirthful adventure.

Long before his death he had gained national fame as a writer of humor. In the grim days of 1864 when the great armies of the Union and Confederacy were fighting desperately, General Grant recalled the incident of Derby editing a newspaper and wrote to the Chief of Staff at Washington, "If the troops cannot get through, they can keep the enemy off General Sherman a little, as Derby held the editor of the **San Diego Herald**."

No less a famous literary figure than William Dean Howells once said, "Before 'John Phoenix,' there was scarcely any American humorist—not of the distinctly literary sort—with whom one could smile and keep one's self-respect."

President Theodore Roosevelt loved the writings of Derby, particularly those which had been collected under the title of **Phoenixiana**. When visiting San Diego in 1903, he was presented with a specially bound copy of this book. In expressing his appreciation for the gift he exclaimed

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS CALIFORNIANS



"A Californian is one who was born in California; or else one who was reborn in California."—Ella Sterling Mighels.

HIRAM WARREN JOHNSON—Statesman; governor of California from 1911 to 1917; nominee for Vice President on Progressive ticket in 1912; United States Senator from 1917 until his death on August 6, 1945; born in Sacramento, California, on September 2, 1866.

DARRYL FRANCIS ZANNUCK—Motion picture producer; broke into movies at age of eight when he worked as an extra on the old Essanay lot at Glendale; served in World Wars I and II; in 1921 was hired as scenario writer by Warner Brothers for whom he became chief executive in charge of production; in 1928 was responsible for first use of sound dialogue in full length talking picture, **The Jazz Singer**, starring Al Jolson; in 1949 signed ten year contract with Twentieth Century-Fox to be its vice-president at annual salary of \$260,000; pioneer in CinemaScope production, producing **The Robe** and **How to Marry a Millionaire**; born in Wahoo, Nebraska, on September 5, 1902.

KATE DOUGLAS WIGGIN—versatile writer; outstanding kindergarten teacher; trained in first kindergarten teacher training class in the west, at Los Angeles, in 1876; came to California for her health at age of seventeen; born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 28, 1856.

MARY HUNTER AUSTIN—"Flower of the Desert;" author; spent years in remote desert regions gathering material for stories; wrote for **Overland Monthly**, **Youth's Companion**, **Atlantic Monthly** and **St. Nicholas**; knew Indian life well; among the books she wrote were **The Arrow Maker**, **The Basket Woman**, **Land of Little Rain**, and **Land of the Sun**; born in Carlinville, Illinois, on September 9, 1868.



LEITZEL MONUMENT IN INGLEWOOD PARK CEMETERY

CAUGHT by an angel! In the Inglewood Park Cemetery, at Inglewood, California, stands the impressive statue of an angel catching a beautiful woman in his arms. It is an eloquent testimony of the faith of Alfredo Codona that the soul of his beautiful Leitzel lives on.

More than twenty years ago the dainty Lillian Leitzel was performing on the Roman rings, high above the arena, in a circus amphitheatre in Copenhagen. A metal swivel broke and the great star fell to her death. But her friends say that she never died. She was borne away by an angel and lives through eternity!

Early Life

Lillian Leitzel was born in Breslau, Germany, of Bohemian parentage. Christened Elitza, she was given the pet name of Leitzel. Years later,

through an error on a theatrical program, she was billed as Lillian Leitzel. This name she adopted.

While her mother was travelling with a group of circus aerialists, known as the Leamy Sisters, little Elitza was reared by her grandmother. She loved music and at the age of nine was studying with the best teacher in Breslau. Before her feet could reach the pedals she was playing Liszt, Wagner and Chopin.

When she was twelve her grandmother took her to England for a

three months visit with her mother who was performing in London. Elitza was fascinated with circus life and joined her mother's troupe in practice. In the following year she performed in the London Hippodrome with the Leamy Ladies, a group consisting of her mother, two sisters and two aunts. By chance, John Ringling witnessed the act and signed a contract for the aerialists to appear in New York in the following year. The agreement expressly provided that Elitza should be with the troupe.

After their American appearance all of the Leamy ladies returned to Europe except Elitza who remained in the care of another circus group. She developed the fundamentals of her famous aerial act and appeared in vaudeville. In 1915 she played with Barnum and Bailey and two years later commenced her long career with Ringling Brothers.

Her Act

Leitzel's act was outstanding. Her entrance to the center ring was accompanied by every spectacular device that the resourceful Ringlings could think of. As a cue to her appearance the band gave forth with a mighty cord. The light in the tent faded. Candy butchers ceased calling their wares. A hush fell upon the audience.

The piercing ray of a single searchlight moved inquiringly about the arena until it found the dainty figure of the lovely Leitzel. Bathed in a flood of light the diminutive aerialist moved forward to the thrilling role of the snare drum. Following her at a respectful distance was her footman, Willie Mosher, whose gigantic frame, accentuated by an impressive uniform, emphasized the tiny stature of the "queen of the air." Behind Mosher walked Mabel Clemens, Leitzel's personal maid.

Mosher accompanied the star to the center of the ring, removed her gold trimmed cape and picked up her jeweled mules when she kicked them off. Dressed in pink tights and a short jacket bordered with silver beads, Leitzel bowed gracefully.

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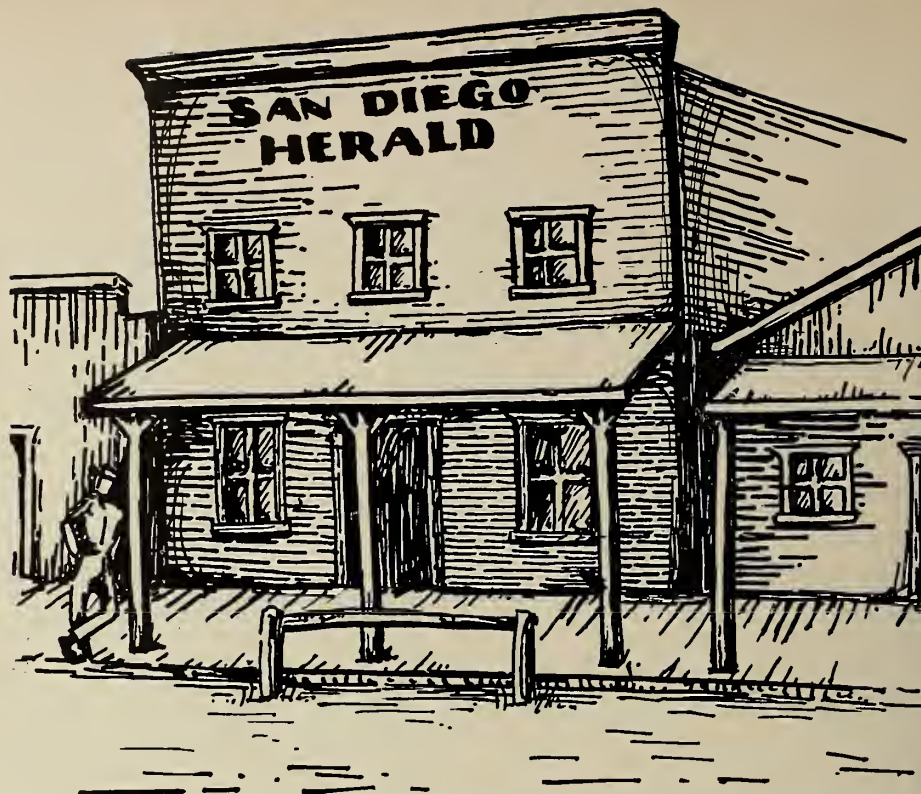
Caught by an Angel

A star was born when Lillian Leitzel became "Queen of the Air" and prima donna of the circus world.

Captain Derby Edits A Newspaper

by
Leo J. Friis

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Derby plays a practical joke
on his friend "Boston" Ames, when he
mixes up the politics of the
San Diego Herald

Oh my what a trying thing it is for a
feller
To git kooped up in this ere little plais
Where the males dont run reglar no how
Nor the females nuther, cos there aint
none.

—John Phoenix

CAPTAIN George Derby was thoroughly disgusted. Early in 1853 he had been ordered to San Diego to superintend an army project of diverting the San Diego River into False Bay. In his own words, he had been sent to "dam the river and had done so (mentally) several times since his arrival."

Thirty year old Derby had enjoyed the fast moving city life of San Francisco. To be detailed to service in a tiny settlement near the Mexican border just didn't seem fair! Nothing ever happened in San Diego. Even if the whole town burned down it wouldn't make a decent fire. He would go down and visit his friend, "Boston" Ames. Maybe he could think of something interesting.

Grabbing his hat he started down the dusty road to the office of the San Diego Herald. Funny thing, thought Derby, that a smart man like Ames should be running a newspaper in a town where two-thirds of the population couldn't even read English. He would have been startled had he known that the wily publisher was an active participant in a scheme to create a slave state in

the southwest with San Diego as its capital.

Opening the door of the Herald office Derby found his friend, comfortably slouched down in a chair, reading the *Alta California*. Looking up, the editor's face unfolded into a broad smile.

"Hello, captain, you're just the man I'm looking for!"

"That's interesting, 'Boston,' I've just been thinking about you. It just goes to prove that great minds run in the same channel."

"Have a chair. I've got a proposition to make to you."

Derby sat down, pulled out his pipe and tobacco pouch, and looked at Ames inquiringly.

"Captain, I needn't remind you that the election campaign for governor is getting hot. I don't have the slightest doubt but that Governor Bigler will win even though Waldo is putting up a stiff fight. But the governor's a good politician and he isn't underestimating Waldo's vote getting ability."

Derby nodded.

Ames continued, "We're friends so I'll be frank and to the point. I want to make a trip to San Francisco. The election is less than two

months away and I want to see Governor Bigler. I've give him plenty of support in the Herald and I want my share of the campaign money that's being spread around. I've got to do something about it right away. If I wait until after election day I won't get anything."

Derby smiled knowingly.

"Will you do me a favor, captain? Will you run the paper while I'm gone? I don't expect to be away for more than a couple of weeks."

"This is a surprise! I'd be glad to do anything I could to help you, but I've never edited a newspaper. Never had any experience."

"It isn't too hard. You've done a lot of writing in your time. In fact you've got quite a reputation. Since coming to San Diego you've sent contributions to the *Alta*. I've read them myself and they're mighty interesting. If you'd just write along that line, it would be wonderful."

"Well, if you think I can do it, I'll make a stab at it."

Ames jumped up, grasped Derby's hand and pumped it vigorously.

"Thanks, captain, thanks. I knew you wouldn't let me down. Let's go

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SONGS

OF
THE

by
James J. Friis

(Part II)

49ERS

*Life of the California Miner
was rejected on the Songs
he sang*



THE gold seekers in the California diggings where Lady Luck wore the miner's red shirt, found time to sing. Their songs were vivid and direct as they pictured the miner's life in the camps. Many of his experiences as a prospector are shown in the following song which was sung to the tune of "King of the Cannibal Islands."

When I Went Off To Prospect

I heard of gold at Sutter's Mill,
At Michigan Bluff and Iowa Hill,
But never thought it was rich until
I started off to prospect.
At Yankee Jim's I bought a purse,
Inquired for Iowa Hill, of course,
And travelled on, but what was
worse,
Fetched up in Shirttail Cañon.

When I got there, the mining ground
Was staked and claimed for miles
around,
And not a bed was to be found,
When I went off to prospect,
The town was crowded full of folks,
Which made me think 'twas not a
hoax;
At my expense they cracked their
jokes,
When I went off to prospect.

Chorus:

A sicker miner every way

Had not been seen for many a day;
The devil it always was to pay,
When I went off to prospect.

In the song *Life In California* he bemoans his luck.

"I lived 'way down in Maine,
Where I heard about the diggings,
So I shipped aboard a darned old
barque

Commanded by Joe Higgins;
I sold my little farm,
And from wife and children parted,
And off to California sailed,
And left 'em broken hearted.

When I got to San Francisco,
I saw such heaps of money,
And the way the folks at Monte
played,

I thought the game quite funny;
So I took my little pile,
And on the table tossed it,
And the chap who dealt me out the
cards,

Says, 'My friend you have lost it.'

So I ain't got no home,
Nor nothing else, I 'spose,
Misfortune seems to follow me
Wherever I goes;
I come to California
With a heart both stout and bold,
And have been up to the diggings'
A-tryin' to git gold.

Chorus:

But I'm a used-up man,
A perfect used-up man,
And if ever I get home again,
I'll stay there if I can."

The lyrics of the tunes which enlivened the long tedious hours of the miner's winter evenings were easy to remember and good fun to sing. The choruses contained much repetition. *California Ball*, an example of such, was an adaptation of the old familiar *Wait for the Wagon* which at that

time was a popular new tune in the Eastern States.

"It would make our Eastern people
cave,
To see the great and small,
The old, with one foot in the grave
All splurging at the ball.

Chorus:

Wait for the music!
Wait for the music!
Wait for the music!
And we'll all have a dance!"

Traveling troupes and lone artists frequently performed in the rude amusement centers of the mining camps. They sang original or parodied songs set to folk or popular tunes familiar to the early California pioneers. The texts were printed in paper bound pocket-sized "songsters." The performances of such entertainers were "universally popular and the crowd of listeners often so great as to embarrass the players at the monte tables and to injure the business of the gamblers."

The songs were always sung in a most serious manner, no matter how humorous the words. The enunciation had to be distinct so that the story could be readily heard by the listeners. The delivery was of the "dead pan" type, the accompaniment being a five stringed banjo or guitar with the rhythm of the song audibly tapped out by the performer's toe.

The most famous of the folk composers and song collectors was John A. Stone, commonly known as "Old Put." *Put's Original California Songster* was published in several successive editions in the 1850's.

Stone was a singer and song writer who was a general favorite throughout the mines.

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ADMISSION DAY

California's Request for Statehood Created a National Crisis

THE average Californian is not only a bit uncertain as to the exact date of Admission Day, but he will also be surprised to learn that California's request for statehood precipitated a fierce battle in Congress on the slavery issue. California asked for admission as a free state. Men such as John C. Calhoun and Jefferson Davis objected.

When delegates had met in Monterey in September of 1849 to devise a constitution, everybody had taken it for granted that California was not suited for slavery. Without a dissenting vote a provision had been adopted declaring that, "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude . . . shall ever be tolerated in this State." Moreover, the constitution was ratified by an overwhelming vote of 12,064 to 811.

Back in Washington there had been a feeling of uneasiness when Congress convened early in 1850. Obviously California's welcome to the sisterhood of states would not be effected simply.

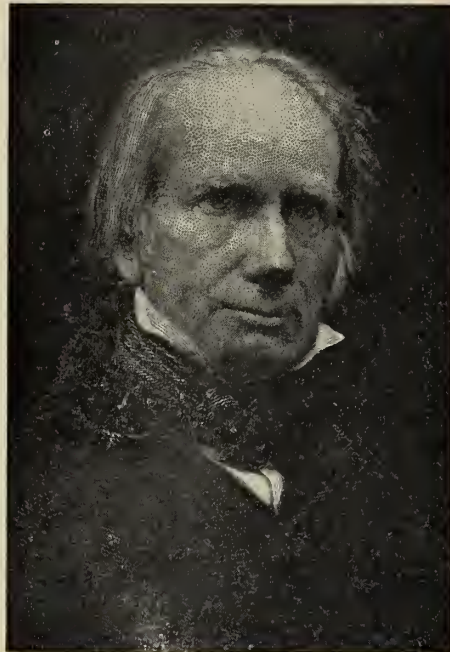
The capital was crowded with delegations supporting various legislative measures. California was not the only state craving admission. Mormons from Salt Lake City urged the creation of the State of Deseret. Residents of western Texas urged that the State of Jacinto be established. Countering these requests was a bill providing for a territorial government of Utah and New Mexico. A new fugitive slave law was proposed. Congress was indeed faced with many troublesome problems. Worst of all, the dark clouds of secession peered over the horizon.

Congress opened its session by conducting some investigations. (They had them in those days, too!) General Bennett Riley was censured for calling the California constitutional convention. Some senators demanded that he be court-martialed. President Zachary Taylor, who had secretly encouraged Riley to act, was severely criticized.

Taylor sent a special message to Congress defending Riley, recommending that California be admitted

to the Union, and reminding the legislators that they had been remiss in failing to provide the newly acquired territory with any kind of government.

On January twenty-ninth, Henry Clay introduced in the Senate a series of resolutions which became the basis of the famous Compromise of 1850. One of these resolutions de-



HENRY CLAY

clared that California ought to be admitted without regard to what her decision on slavery might be.

Jefferson Davis reminded his listeners that thirty years before, the Missouri Compromise had been effected which, with the exception of Missouri, made the 36° 30' parallel the division line between free and slave territory. He suggested that this line should be extended to the Pacific Ocean. Under his proposal all of present California, south of Fresno, would have been a slave state.

What would Calhoun do? He was a very sick man and his colleagues feared that his illness would compel him to be silent. The great South Carolinian had a carefully prepared speech for the occasion, but he was too feeble to deliver it. At his request, on March fourth his friend, Senator James M. Mason of Virginia, read the address. It was Calhoun's last

speech. Before the end of the month he was dead.

In this speech he eloquently contended for the principles he had so long espoused and openly advocated secession of the Southern states if they did not obtain that for which they contended. He avowed that the admission of California as a free state would be a serious menace to all the rights of the Southerners by breaking down the last barrier of defense of equal representation in the Senate.

Three days later Daniel Webster made a speech scarcely less famous than his great *Reply to Hayne*. He commenced by saying, "I wish to speak today, not as a Massachusetts man, nor as a Northern man, but as an American . . . I speak today for the preservation of the Union." He declared that the soil and climate of California excluded the idea of the introduction of slavery and by reason thereof the Creator Himself had ordained that the new state should be free.

Webster denounced secession. However, he did admit that the Southerners had reason to complain for the manner in which the present fugitive slave law was being enforced, an admission which cost him much political support in his own state. Suffice to say, Webster, on this occasion was the statesman trying to save the Union, not a politician looking after his political fences.

Webster was followed by senators of lesser note and the debate raged through the summer.

Then President Taylor, California's friend, died. He was succeeded by Millard Fillmore who was noted for his ability to "ride the fence." Everybody was apprehensive as to what he would do.

In the meantime the people of California were becoming restive. There was much talk of declaring independence and setting up a separate republic on the Pacific coast.

Finally, on August thirteenth, the Senate passed a bill providing for

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The Shaffer Story

Recently the Shaffer Tool Works at Brea received a letter from a foreign oilfield operator stating that he had always thought that "Shaffer" was the English word for a "blow out" preventer. Herein lies an eloquent tribute to William D. Shaffer who contributed much to the development of the oil industry.

Coming to Brea about thirty years ago, he established the firm which bears his name. His original intention was to operate an oil field repair business supplemented with a few manufactured oil field specialties.

Inventions

Observing the need for an adjustable choke or needle valve to regulate the flow of oil and gas he invented the adjustable flow bean, a radical departure from the conventional flow control apparatus. Today, thousands of Shaffer adjustable flow beans are in use throughout the world.

In 1927 Shaffer began to expand. He purchased the Lee-Wilkinson Tool Company at Santa Fe Springs not only for its forge facilities but also to give him a repair shop in the heart of a new oil field. At this time he commenced the development of a line of rotary "fishing" tools to meet a growing demand.

During the Santa Fe Springs boom, drillers were plagued by numerous "blow outs" resulting from inability to control the high pressure flow of gas through the upper zones. Shaffer solved the problem with his Cellar Control Gate. This new invention was first successfully tried out on a well at Seal Beach which threatened to blow out.

Today these gates are in use in Venezuela, Colombia, Argentina, Sumatra, India, Burma, Arabia, Italy, Germany, Canada, Mexico, and other oil producing areas.

Shaffer Tool Works pioneered in the development of high pressure well head control equipment and made the first 5,000 pound test equipment used in the oil industry. Plans are in the making to improve presently used 15,000 pound test equipment, to a new standard of fittings requiring 25,000 pound test pressures.

Expansion

In 1932 Shaffer acquired the Oil Well Supply Company shops at Taft. Thereafter he constructed new plants at Houston and Odessa, Texas; Farmington, New Mexico; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Casper, Wyoming; Avenal and Santa Maria, California. An export office is maintained in New York City.

In 1928 there were but ten workmen at the original little shop; now about three hundred employees are upon the payroll of the three manufacturing plants of Shaffer at Brea. The company was incorporated in 1941.

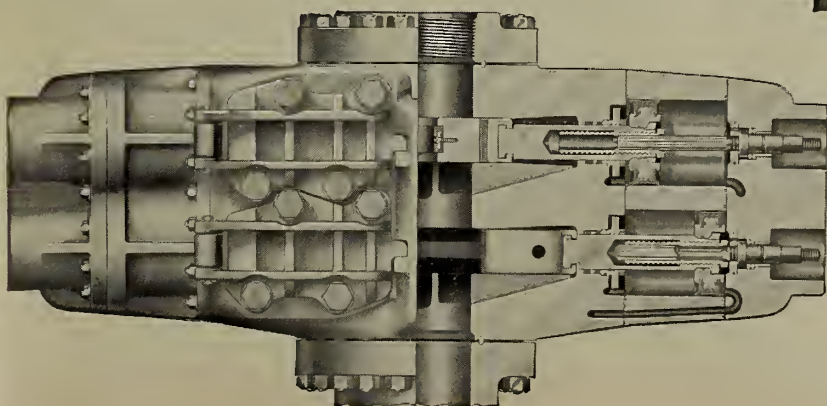
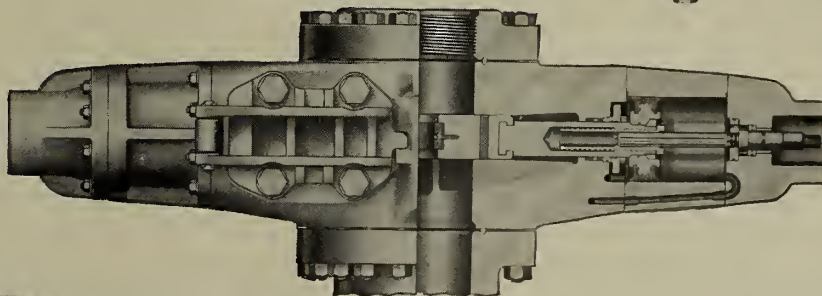
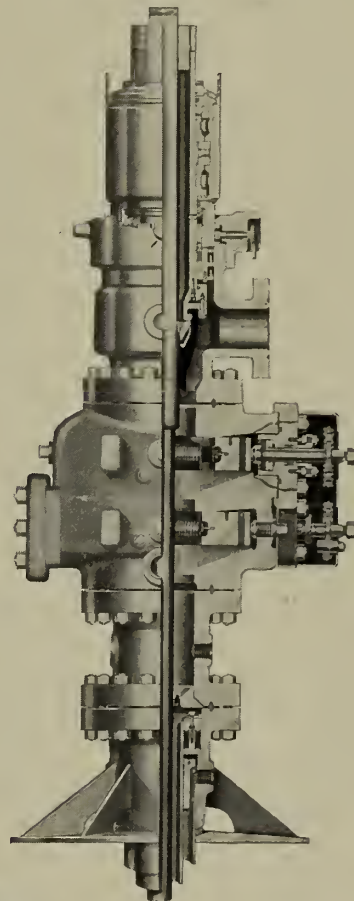
The Shaffer Tool Works is entirely owned by the Shaffer family. A son, Donald U. Shaffer, assumed the presidency of the company following the death of his father.

William D. Shaffer

William Dopp Shaffer, the founder of the Shaffer Tool Works, was born in Springton, New York, February 16, 1877.

From the time he came to Brea, he took an active part in the affairs of the city, serving as its mayor for ten years.

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Left: Hydraulic Double Cellar Control Gate.

Upper: Typical Hook-up showing a Double Cellar Control Gate with a combination Rotating Blow Out Preventer and Stripper.

Lower: Single Cellar Control Gate. (Front View)

California Place Names



CORONA

Corona, founded in 1887, was first called South Riverside. Apparently the map of the townsite was taken from a plat prepared ten years before by H. Clay Kellogg and R. B. Taylor of Anaheim.

The town was laid out in the form of a circle one mile in diameter. The outer road was used for auto races participated in by such celebrities as Barney Oldfield and Eddie Rickenbacker.

When the city was incorporated in 1896 it took the name of Corona, Latin for "wreath" or "circle."

Credit for the new name has been given to George Wharton James, California literary figure, and to Baron Harden-Hickey, owner of the El Cerrito Orchards.

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POMONA

The name of Pomona was given to a new settlement of the Los Angeles Immigration and Land Co-operative Association on August 20, 1875, as a result of a contest for a name. The winner was Solomon Gates, a nurseryman.

Pomona is the name of the Roman goddess of orchards and gardens. Pomona College was originally established in Pomona and took its name from the city in 1887.

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WHITTIER

Whittier was founded in 1887 by the Pickering Land and Water Company, an organization of Quakers.

At the suggestion of Micajah D. Johnson, who had come to California in 1876, the colony was named Whittier in honor of the great Quaker poet, John Greenleaf Whittier.

BALDWIN PARK

This city was named for Elias Jackson ("Lucky") Baldwin, who purchased the Santa Anita Rancho, site of the community, from Harris Newmark in 1875. Baldwin was a colorful figure of post-gold days in California. From making bricks, when he first arrived in San Francisco, to building and owning hotels and purchasing much property in Bear Valley (near San Bernardino) he finally developed the Santa Anita Rancho into a famous center for thoroughbred horse breeding and racing.

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IONE

Ione, a city in Amador County, originated in 1850 as a mining camp. It was first called Bedbug, and then successively Freeze Out, Hardscrabble, and Woosterville.

Thomas Brown is credited with giving it the name of Ione, the heroine of Edward Bulwer-Lytton's novel, *The Last Days of Pompeii*.

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DOWNEY

The city of Downey was founded by John G. Downey in 1864. The townsite is situated on a portion of the Santa Gertrudes Rancho owned by Downey and James P. McFarland.

Downey served as governor of California from 1860 to 1862.

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STANTON

The City of Stanton, in Orange County, was organized in self defense! It was incorporated on March 29, 1911, for the specific purpose of preventing the neighboring town of Anaheim from establishing a sewage disposal plant in the community.

It was named for Philip Ackley Stanton, real estate developer, who also founded the cities of Seal Beach and Huntington Beach. Stanton served as a state senator and as a member of the state Highway Commission.

The town was disincorporated after Anaheim made other arrangements for taking care of its sewage.

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TUSTIN

The city of Tustin was founded in 1867 by Columbus Tustin and named for himself.

CHOWCHILLA

Chowchilla, a town in Madera County, derives its name from the Chowchilla River. This name is a corruption of Chauchila, the designation of a tribe of war-like Yokut Indians who lived along the river. As these Indians were very aggressive, some authorities think that the name Chauchila means "murderers" or "killers."

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PUENTE

Puente is Spanish for "bridge" and refers to an experience of the Portola expedition which passed through that locality in 1769. Fray Juan Crespi, chronicler of the party, noted that the expedition camped at San Jose Creek. He stated "In order to cross the arroyo it was necessary to make a bridge of poles, because it was so miry."

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THE HEATHEN CHINEE

Which I wish to remark

And my language is plain,
That for ways that are dark

And for tricks that are vain,
The heathen Chinee is peculiar.

Which the same I would rise to explain.

Ah Sin was his name,

And I shall not deny
In regard to the same

What that name might imply;
But his smile it was pensive and childlike,

As frequent remarked to Bill Nye.

It was August the third;

And quite soft was the skies;
Which it might be inferred

That Ah Sin was likewise;
Yet he played in that day upon William

And me in a way I despise.

Which we had a small game,
And Ah Sin took a hand:

It was Euchre. The same
He did not understand;
But he smiled as he sat by the table,
With the smile that was childlike and bland.

Yet the cards they were stacked
In a way that I grieve,

And my feelings were shocked
At the state of Nye's sleeve,
Which was stuffed full of aces and bowers,
And the same with intent to deceive.

But the hands that were played
 By that heathen Chinee,
 And the points that he made,
 Were quite frightful to see—
 Till at last he put down a right
 bower,
 Which the same Nye had dealt
 unto me.

Then I looked up at Nye,
 And he gazed upon me;
 And he rose with a sigh,
 And he said, "Can this be?
 We are ruined by Chinee cheap
 labor"—
 And he went for that heathen
 Chinee.

In the scene that ensued
 I did not take a hand;
 But the floor it was strewed
 Like the leaves on the strand
 With the cards that Ah Sin had
 been hiding,
 In the game "he did not under-
 stand."

In his sleeves, which were long,
 He had twenty-four packs—
 Which was coming it strong,
 Yet I state but the facts;
 And we found on his nails, which
 were taper—
 Which is frequent in tapers—
 that's wax.

Which is why I remark—
 And my language is plain—
 That for ways that are dark,
 And for tricks that are vain,
 The heathen Chinee is peculiar
 Which the same I am free to
 maintain.

—Bret Harte.

When members of the first families
 proudly told of ancestors who came over
 in the Mayflower, Will Rogers remarked
 with a grin, "My ancestors met the May-
 flower when she came in."



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 self a number of years, he had had
 ample opportunities of observing, as
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 trials and hardships to which his
 brethren of the pick and shovel have
 been exposed." He admits that many
 of his songs show some hard edges
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 They were rough, I must confess
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Like hunters from the West;
 But they like many another fish
 Have now run out their line,
 But like good old Bricks they stood
 the kicks,
 Of the Days of 'Forty-Nine."

"Here you see Old Tom Moore
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 A bummer, too, they call me now,
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During the promotion period of the settlement it was touted as the "Pasadena of San Diego." An enthusiastic land sale advertisement in a local newspaper declared, "What the Los Angeles 'prize suburb' is to that city, La Mesa will inevitably be to this," and concluded with this bit of doggerel:

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Silverado Canyon, in Orange County, was so named in 1870 after silver was discovered in it. The name was coined in analogy to Eldorado connoting silver instead of gold.

COMPTON

Compton was named after the Rev. Griffith D. Compton who in 1869 purchased 4,000 acres of the San Pedro Rancho for thirty-five cents an acre and founded the community of **Comptonville**. Later the name was shortened to Compton.

The original settlement was restricted to total abstainers from alcoholic beverages. The founder of the town was a Methodist minister who helped establish the University of Southern California.

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SIGNAL HILL

In the Days of the Dons Signal Hill was employed as a lookout and signal point. Missionary fathers of nearby San Gabriel used it to warn of Indian depredations.

The owners of Los Cerritos and Los Alamitos ranchos utilized it as a vantage point to watch their herds of sheep and cattle. For a time it was known as Los Cerritos.

When the Coast Survey established the Los Angeles Base Line in 1889-1890, John Rockwell erected a signal on the hill and it became known as **Signal Hill**.

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The Porciuncula Chapel in the basilica of "Our Lady of the Angeles" near Assisi, Italy is called the cradle of the Franciscan order.

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OAKLAND

Oakland was called in Spanish times "Encinal del Temescal" (oak grove by the sweathouse) because of the luxuriant growth of oaks. The city, which was part of the San Antonio Rancho, was laid out for Horace Carpentier, Edson Adams and Andrew J. Moon by a surveyor, Julius Kellersberger, in 1850. When it was incorporated as a town in 1852, the present name was unanimously chosen.

The Difference

One day a rich man came to see a less fortunate friend and, as usual, began to brag. "Just a minute," said the friend, "look out through the window and tell me what you see."

"I see people," answered the rich man.

Then the friend led the braggart to a mirror. "What do you see now?" he asked.

"Myself, of course," said the rich one.

The friend then said, "Observe . . . in the window there is glass and in the mirror there is glass. But the glass in the mirror has had a little silver added to it, and no sooner is that little bit of silver added than you cease to see others and see only yourself."

Love sought is good, but given unsought is better.—Shakespeare.

For many years a mining company out west employed a Chinese cook and one evening after an unusually good dinner the superintendent decided to raise his wages. The next day the Chinese noted the extra money in his envelope.

"Why you pay me more?" he asked.

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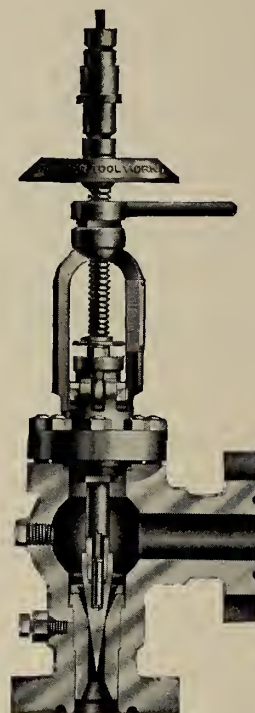
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He was very fond of music and for many years was organist of the Congregational Church of Brea and of Citrol Lodge No. 656, F. & A. M.

In January, 1931, he realized a life long dream of buying a pipe organ. However, instead of placing it in his own home, he generously gave it to his church in memory of his son George William Shaffer. At the time of the presentation, Shaffer, himself, played a beautiful, sacred organ recital.

He passed away in 1946, survived by his son Donald, and his daughters, Mrs. Grant (Esther) Sandman of Santa Barbara and Mrs. Elvin K. (Betty) Wilson of Fullerton.

Two years later friends and employees joined in erecting, to his memory, a beautiful fountain in Brea City Park.



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California's admission. This bill was sent to the House of Representatives who passed it on September seventh. Two days later President Fillmore gave his approval. In commemoration of that great event, each year California celebrates September ninth as Admission Day.

More than a month passed by before the people of California learned the good news. Every steamship captain hoped that he might be the lucky person to bring the official notification. The lot fell to the skipper of the Oregon. As that ship steamed through the Golden Gate on the morning of October eighteenth, she was flying a banner bearing the inscription, "California is a State." The good news was signalled to the people of the city from Telegraph Hill. Nobody worked in San Francisco that day. The courts closed. All was rejoicing. The thirty-first star had been added to the flag.



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James Pearson and Frances Cowee, prominent young Anaheim pianists, who study with Margaret J. Buttree, were awarded parchment scrolls of merit by the Hollywood Bowl Association for outstanding talent and advancement in music in keeping with the Bowl standards. Pins admitting them as guests for the Tuesday, August 17 concert at the Bowl, were also presented to them.

Pearson is the son of Mayor Charles A. Pearson and his wife, Miss Cowee's parents are Rev. and Mrs. James Cowee.

Students who receive the merit honors are selected from auditions and recitals heard by representatives of the Bowl Association. Approximately 125 students were chosen from the Southland.

Engineer for 'Angel's Flight' Dies

Daniel S. Halladay, 88, retired civil engineer who laid out the first highway system for Orange County, passed away in Santa Ana, August 12.

The city of Beverly Hills and the famous "Angel's Flight" in Los Angeles were also planned by Halladay.

Modern Vigilantes in San Francisco

In the old days, vigilantes in San Francisco used to ride by night dispensing two-fisted justice as they saw fit. The 1954 edition of vigilantes are not riding horses. They ride cable cars and are definitely in favor of keeping such cars in service. It seems that Proposition E, which was voted upon favorably by the citizens of San Francisco, in the primary election, cut the system of cable car service in half, according to Morris Lowenthal, head of the vigilantes. "The Citizens Committee to Save the Cable Cars" are now rounding up in the neighborhood of 50,000 signatures to put a substitute for Proposition E on the November general election ballot.

"People like San Francisco because it has flavor," said Mrs. Hans Klussman, wife of a prominent San Francisco doctor. "It's a different city and the cable cars help make it that way."

Daniel in the Lion's Den

Septimus Daniel Gilbert made his will just before he died recently in Yorkshire, England. The testament was published in London, June 26, 1954, and contained these instructions: "Bury be in the same grave as my wife and on the gravestone put this inscription 'Daniel in the lion's den.'"

Thinking draws blood from the feet to the head. That's why thinking twice about a proposition often gives people cold feet.—The Brooklet.

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No man is born into the world whose work is not born with him.—Lowell.

Critics are like brushers of other men's clothes.

The best thing to give your enemy is forgiveness.—Balfour.

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grasped a white rope and commenced her climb to the top of the tent while the band played "The Crimson Cradle March."

Occasionally, during her ascent, she would stop to waft a kiss to her admirers. Arriving near the canvas peak she commenced a six minute routine on the Roman rings to the accompaniment of the "William Tell" overture. The artistry of her performance has earned for her the undisputed title of the greatest star of circusdom.

The Flange Turn

Upon the completion of her performance on the rings she descended to the arena, bowed, and grasping a swiveled rope she was carried aloft to the tent's top where she did what was called the flange turn. Fred Bradna, Ringling Brothers' equestrian director, best described this act: "She swung her little body up to the level of her shoulder, hesitated momentarily, and then, using her shoulder as an axis, propelled her body over itself until she dangled

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ECONOMY MINDED JUDGE

A. V. Cox, early Anaheim judge, had an eye for economy. According to an entry in his court docket, dated March 15, 1889, one John Kelley was brought before him on a drunk charge.

Kelley pleaded guilty and at the same time explained that he was without funds. Judge Cox made the following judgment, "Defendant having no money to pay a fine with and it being less expensive to the City to discharge him than to keep him in prison and after a reprimand by the Court and he agreeing to immediately leave town and not commit the offense again he was by the Court discharged."

On the following twentieth day of June, Edward Fox was arraigned on an intoxication complaint. He also admitted his guilt and likewise proved to be penniless. With his customary sagacity, Judge Cox wrote in his docket: "Defendant plead the Court to discharge him as he had no money to pay the fine with and it appeared to the Court that it would create expense to the City to hold the prisoner to labor on the streets and in view of all the facts in the case it was by the Court ordered and adjudged that the prisoner be discharged."

Young actor: "I've got a job at last, Dad. 'It's a new play, and I'm a man who has been married 20 years.'"

Father: "Splendid. That's a start, anyway, my boy. Maybe one of these days they'll give you a speaking part."

—Rotary Bulletin.

GEORGE H. DERBY

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ed, "By George, do you know that I could pass a competitive examination on Phoenixiana!"

Derby passed away on May 15, 1861, shortly after the beginning of the Civil War. One can only speculate as to the kind of service he might have rendered, had he lived.

Some of his classmates at the Military Academy such as George B. McClellan, Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson, and George E. Pickett attained immortal fame. Derby will also be remembered, but for an entirely different reason.

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out and have a drink. Then we can talk over details."

Plans for the interim editorship were made and in the August thirteenth issue of the *Herald Ames* inserted a notice: "Our Absence—We shall leave on the first steamer for San Francisco, to be absent about two weeks. A friend of acknowledged ability and literary acquirements will occupy the 'old arm chair' during our absence."

That Derby was a talented writer, there was no question. However, had Ames known that the captain was an incorrigible practical joker, he would have entrusted the management of his paper to other hands.

Before he left, Ames gave Derby explicit instructions on the political

strategy to be pursued. "Keep up a campaign along the line I've been following. Stress Bigler's record. Throw in something about the tradition of Andrew Jackson."

"What about Waldo, Boston?"

"Waldo? Just stress his inexperience. Stress that he's a political non-entity. Don't talk too much about him. Talk about Bigler."

"I'll do my best."

"I know you will. I haven't the least worry."

One week later the *Herald* appeared under the guidance of Derby. There was nothing extraordinary about the issue except the following notice: "Next week a new hand will be applied to the bellows of this establishment, and an intensely interesting issue will possibly be the result. The paper will be published on Wednesday evening; and, to avoid confusion, the crowd will please form in the plaza, passing four abreast by the City Hall and *Herald* office, from the gallery of which Johnny will hand them their papers."

The mysterious reference to Johnny is interesting, for according to Derby it would not be he but Johnny who would edit the paper. Johnny, of course, was none other than John Phoenix, one of Derby's pen names!

Four days later the San Diego *Herald* appeared, "slightly assisted by 'Phoenix.'" The word, "slightly," was a gross understatement.

In the meantime Ames had taken passage to San Francisco on the steamer *Goliah*. He looked forward eagerly to renewing his acquaintance with Bigler. Upon his arrival he was disappointed to learn that the governor was absent from the city on a speech-making tour. There was nothing to do but wait. Making an appointment to see Bigler upon his return, Ames devoted his time profitably to contacting old advertisers and securing new ones.

When the governor came back to the city, the San Diego publisher was on hand for his conference. Bigler greeted him cordially.

"Glad to see you, Ames. How are things in San Diego?"

"Fine, Governor, fine. We have

everything under control just as we had it two years ago. Our publicity for you is, if anything, even better."

"Glad to hear it. Just received your paper this morning. Let's take a look at it."

Governor Bigler tore off the wrapper of the latest issue of the *Herald* and spread out the paper. At the head of the column which had previously been devoted to extolling the virtues of Bigler was the slogan: "PHOENIX INDEPENDENT TICKET. For Governor, WILLIAM WALDO."

Bigler's face contorted with anger.

"What's the idea, Ames? I thought you were my friend."

Ames stared unbelievably.

"I don't understand it. I left a reliable man in charge. I—"

"It doesn't make any difference what you don't understand," interrupted the governor, "the damage is done. I'm a busy man. Good-day, sir."

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again by one arm." In her earlier years, Leitzel made as many as one hundred turns in one performance. Once, for publicity sake, she made two hundred forty-three consecutive gyrations.

In this act the band accompanied her with Rimski-Korsakov's "The Flight of the Bumblebee," the completion of each turn being announced by the beat of the bass drum. As Leitzel completed her fortieth roll she would unloose her waist-length golden hair. During her last seasons with the circus she reduced her turns to sixty which she did to a special arrangement of "The Dance of the Hours" from the opera, *La Gioconda*.

The flange turn did not possess the beauty of the Roman ring act. Rather it was a test of stamina. Leitzel herself declared that it was more a mental than a physical strain. Be that as it may, the star's right wrist was continually raw from the chafing of the rope. Her friends marvelled that the continuous irritation did not result in cancer. Despite warnings from the circus physician, and despite the fact that she could perform the act with her left arm, Leitzel doggedly continued to grasp the rope with her right hand. It was the flange turn that made her famous.

Appearance

Leitzel was four feet, nine inches tall and weighed ninety-four pounds. Having practiced her mother's specialty, the flange roll, from the age of twelve, she had exceptional muscular development of her arms and shoulders. Fred Bradna recalls that "although in maturity she had fine legs and a comely torso, the exaggerated development of arms and shoulders, above such a wispy figure, gave her a gnomelike appearance." This was no doubt accentuated by an abundance of golden hair.

The great star was a woman of many moods. She loved children and cared for many while their mothers were performing in the ring. She conducted impromptu classes to teach them fundamentals. Helpless animals were special objects of af-

fection. A friend recalled that while shopping in Cleveland, after the afternoon performance, Leitzel spied a puppy suffering from a broken leg. Picking it up she carried it to a veterinarian and remained until it was treated and assurance given that a home would be found for it. In performing this act of love she nearly missed the evening show.

Circus roustabouts adored her. For many she served as banker, holding portions of their wages against temptation to lose them through gambling. Lillian Leitzel loved people and they loved her.

Nevertheless she had her tantrums. She was a prima donna in every sense of the word. She demanded and received from Ringlings a private Pullman car in which to travel. Among its furnishings was an excellent piano which she played for the entertainment of the circus children.

Lillian Leitzel was truly a queen and for her court she had the "Once In a While Club," comprising such important show people as Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ringling; May Wirth, equestrienne; Bird Millman, tight wire performer; Ella Bradna, bare-

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CAPTAIN DERBY

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Ames stumbled out of the room speechless.

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Derby anticipated trouble with the return of Ames. On the last issue of the **Herald** which he published appeared the description of a fight which supposedly took place between him and the publisher. The article is all the more ludicrous when it is recalled that Derby was of short stature while Ames was a well-proportioned giant, six feet, six inches tall.

Derby wrote, "We held 'Boston' down over the press by our nose (which we had inserted between his teeth for that purpose), and while our hair was employed in holding

one of his hands, we held the other in our left, and with the 'sheep's foot' brandished above our head, shouted to him, 'Say Waldo.' 'Never!' he gasped."

Derby ended his description of the encounter by saying, "We write this while sitting without any clothing, except our left stocking, and the rim of our hat encircling our neck like a 'ruff' of the Elizabethan era . . . while Boston is sopping his eye with cold water . . . and glancing with interest over the advertisements on the second page of the San Diego **Herald**, a fair copy of which was struck off upon the back of his shirt, at the time we held him over the press."

The fight, which Derby so vividly described, never took place. Apparently Ames harbored no ill feelings toward his irresponsible editor. Probably he received sufficient money from his San Francisco advertisers to more than make up for any contribution he might have been given by Bigler's campaign managers. At any rate, in the next issue of the **Herald** he wrote: "Here we are again! Phoenix has played the 'devil' during our absence, but he has done it in such a good-humored manner, that we have not a word to say. He has done things which he ought not to have done, and he has left undone things which he ought to have done; but as what evil he has done cannot be undone, we may as well 'dry up and let it slide.'"



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back ballet dancer, and others. One of the greatest to attend Leitzel's court, and who literally as well as figuratively sat at her feet, was Alfredo Codona, the great "flyer."

Alfredo Codona

Born in Mexico, Codona's father was Spanish and his mother English. His family owned a small circus and before he could walk he participated in the opening of an act by balancing upon his father's hand. At the age of five he was part of the elder Codona's aerial act, doing simple somersaults and single trapeze turns. As he grew older he teamed with his sister Victoria, a brilliant slack wire performer.

Codona became the star of a one-ring "mud-show" which traveled the back country of southwestern United States. In 1911 he joined the Barnum & Bailey Circus as an aerialist. Thereafter he toured Australia for three years. During this period he developed into an accomplished "flyer." He became so proficient that he was able to perform three complete aerial somersaults between a trapeze and a "catcher." Others may have occasionally performed the "triple," but only Codona did it as a regular part of his act. Not content with this accomplishment he perfected a double pirouette which he did upon his return to his trapeze from the catcher.

Marriage

Leitzel and Codona became attracted to each other. Their budding romance was watched with eagerness by news writers. One lady reporter for a Chicago paper exclaimed, "The marriage of these two comets in the galaxy of circus stardom would brighten heaven. And it will—it must—take place. It is pre-ordained!"

And the marriage did take place, on a Saturday in July, 1928. Dexter Fellows, veteran press agent for Ringlings, once said, "I've seen many circus people in love, but seldom any two who seemed so happy or who understood each other as well as Leitzel and Codona." Each time

Leitzel's aerial rigging was set up, Codona would thoroughly test it. He examined the tape on her wrists before she made her appearance and gave her a farewell kiss as she entered the big tent. Codona would then don the coat and trousers of a property man and enter the ring over which the tiny star was performing. If something happened he wanted to be there to break her fall!

It was Leitzel's custom to stand at the performers' entrance to watch her husband's act. She was as proud of his ability as he was of hers. News-men recall that during a visit in her private dressing tent that she would lift a finger and say, "Listen, do you hear the chord the band just played? That's Alfredo's cue. You must go and see him work. He's wonderful."

The married life of Lillian and Alfredo was a tempestuous one. Leitzel was continually showered with adulations by hero worshipers, particu-

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larly of the masculine sex. Codona tried to be tolerant, but he possessed a fiery, jealous Latin temperament. Husband and wife struggled valiantly to adjust themselves for they adored each other.

Death of Leitzel

Late in 1930 Leitzel went on a European tour. While performing at the Valencia Music Hall Gardens in Copenhagen, on February thirteenth of the following year, a brass swivel crystallized and broke, and the petite star fell to the stage. Codona, who was traveling in Europe with another company, hastened by plane to the bedside of his wife. Her injuries were believed to be superficial and he returned to his show in Berlin. Two days later the "queen of the air" was dead.

The death of Leitzel was a staggering blow to Codona. He seemed to grow old overnight. But he went on. Friends noticed that upon returning to his pedestal after performing his triple somersault that he bowed to the plaudits of the crowd, but his bow was always directed toward the spot where Leitzel had stood and watched his performance. An admirer sent him a beautiful poem in tribute to his wife and he remarked, "They remember her as that little shining thing there in the spotlight, but I remember her curled up on the pillows in our stateroom, reading in her blue cookbook how to make rice pudding."

In 1933 Codona tore a ligament in his shoulder while doing his "triple" and thereupon his flying days were over. Out of a job he worked for a time as a service station attendant at Long Beach, California. Two years later he became equestrian director of the Hagenback-Wallace Circus and in 1936 he served in a similar capacity for the Tom Mix Circus.

Alfredo Codona possessed an unselfish heart. One night in 1937, while directing an indoor circus at the Long Beach municipal auditorium for the benefit of the Order of Sciots, he blew his whistle and brought Ernie Clark to the middle of the arena and announced, "I have often been given credit for originating the triple, but here is the man

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who first did it—before I learned to fly."

Shortly afterward, in a fit of despondency, Codona took his own life. According to his often expressed wish he was buried at the foot of Lillian Leitzel's grave. He will be remembered as the world's greatest flyer. As Fred Bradna said, "Like

Leitzel, Codona was nonpareil."

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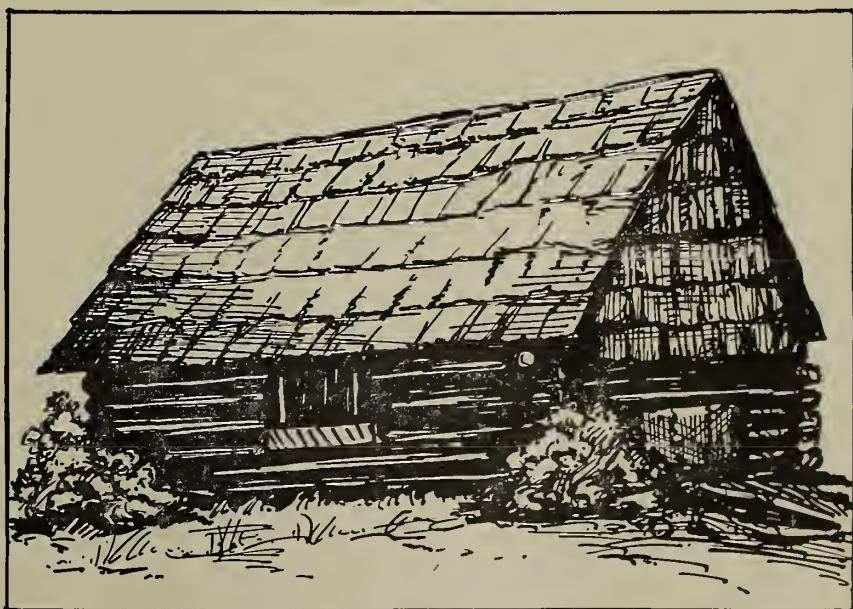
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We will greatly appreciate any information that can be given us about the pioneer settlers of the "Mother Colony." In particular we are very desirous of borrowing early pictures and documents.

PICTURE ON COVER

The drawing on the cover by our staff artist, Naoma M. Sell, is of Ft. Defiance where the "Never Sweats" held out against the sheriff's posse of Plumas County during the "Battle of Roptown" the amusing story of which appears on page 3 of this issue.

CURTIS D. WILBUR

Curtis Dwight Wilbur, former Secretary of the Navy, passed away at Palo Alto last September eighth.

Born May 10, 1867, at Boonesboro, now Boone, Iowa, he was graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1888. Resigning from the Navy he commenced the practice of law in Los Angeles in 1890.

From 1903 until 1918 he served as a judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. He was one of the founders of California's juvenile court system and assisted in organizing the Juvenile Court of Los Angeles. Wilbur was elevated to the Supreme Court of California in 1919, becoming chief justice three years later.

President Coolidge appointed him Secretary of the Navy on March 19, 1924, to succeed Edwin Denby. As Naval Secretary he was a powerful advocate for a strong navy.

He was selected as a justice of the Ninth United States Circuit Court of Appeals in 1929 and served as Senior Circuit Judge from 1931 until his retirement in 1945.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS CALIFORNIANS



"A Californian is one who was born in California; or else one who was reborn in California."—Ella Sterling Mighels.

JAMES WILSON MARSHALL—Discoverer of gold at Coloma, California; descendant of John Hart, one of signers of Declaration of Independence; arrived in California, June, 1845; went into partnership with Sutter to construct a sawmill on the American River and found gold in the millrace; died in poverty August 10, 1885, and buried at Coloma, at the summit of a hill where the State of California has erected a monument in his honor; born on Round Mountain Farm, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, on October 8, 1810.

HELENA MODJESKA—Renowned tragedienne; under life contract with Imperial Theatre at Warsaw, Poland, when she came to California in 1876; died at Newport Beach (East Newport), California, on April 8, 1909; born at Cracow, Poland, on October 12, 1840.

WILLIAM McKENDREE GWIN—called a "California Machiavelli"; physician; represented Mississippi in House of Representatives; came to San Francisco in 1849; delegate to first California constitutional convention; he and John C. Fremont were first two United States Senators from California, he serving from 1850 to 1861; during the Civil War he was connected with the Confederacy and with Mexican Imperial Government of Maximilian; returned to California and engaged in agricultural pursuits; born near Gallatin, Sumner County, Tennessee, on October 9, 1805.

HELEN HUNT JACKSON—Author of *Ramona*, a foremost Western classic which did for the Indian what Harriett Beecher Stowe did for the negro with her "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Although she spent most of her life in the East, she loved the romance and beauty of California. Born at Amherst, Massachusetts, on October 15, 1830.

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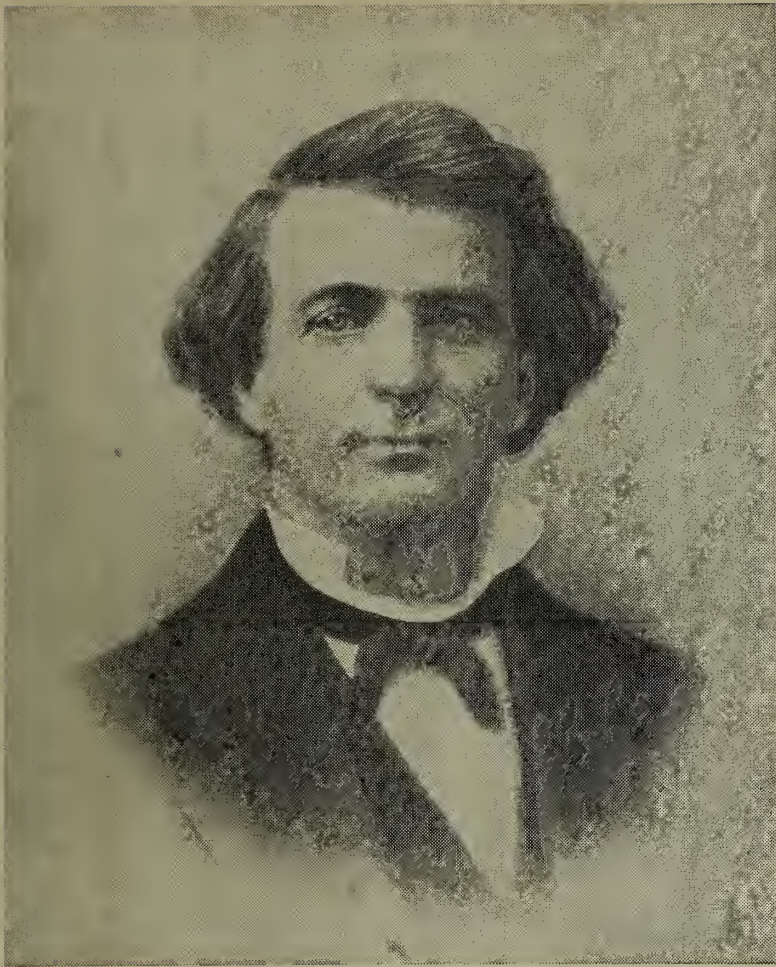
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ISAAC ROOP

A century ago nobody knew the exact location of the eastern boundary line of California and nobody cared. Nobody, that is, except a few settlers in Honey Lake Valley.

Twenty of these independent souls, deeming themselves beyond the frontier of any government, met at Roop Town (now Susanville) and on April 26, 1856, solemnly proclaimed the establishment of the territory of **Nataqua**. In doing so, they started a chain reaction of events culminating in the "Sage Brush War."

Government of Nataqua

The Honey Lakers were anything but modest in their pretensions. **Nataqua** claimed an area nearly as large as Kansas and included a considerable portion of the present state of Nevada. However, through a slight miscalculation of boundaries, Roop Town, the capital, lay thirty-seven miles outside the territory!

The moving spirit of the new government was thirty-four year old Isaac Roop at whose home the settlers had met to organize **Nataqua**. Roop had come to California in 1850 on the steamship which bore the news of the state's admission to the Union. He came to upper Honey

Lake Valley in June of 1853, and the little settlement that sprang up near his holdings was called **Roop Town**, later **Susanville**, after his daughter, Susan.

Assisting Roop in his ambitious project was Peter Lassen, a Danish blacksmith, who had come to the vicinity in 1855. His memory is perpetuated by Mt. Lassen.

The government of **Nataqua** was very simple. It consisted of only two permanent officers, a recorder and a surveyor. Roop was elected recorder and as such he was the chief magistrate of the territory.

Peter Lassen was chosen surveyor. His qualifications for the office were very limited. No doubt he took an active part in preparing the official boundary lines of **Nataqua** which included part of Lake Tahoe but omitted Roop Town!

Trouble With Plumas County

Nataqua had been formed in utter disregard of the fact that two years before the California Legislature had organized Plumas County which included Honey Lake Valley within its limits. Roop and his associates steadfastly refused to recognize themselves as residents of California.

THE BATTLE OF ROOP TOWN

by
Leo J. Friis

A comic opera war which arose
because nobody knew the
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boundary line of California

Over at Quincy, county seat of Plumas County, the board of supervisors took the first step to acquire jurisdiction over their rebellious citizens. On August 4, 1857, they created **Honey Lake Township** and appointed temporary officers for it.

Four days later, Roop, Lassen and three others attended a convention in a saloon at Genoa, in Carson Valley, in what is now Nevada. There they joined with other delegates in preparing a petition to Congress asking for the organization of a new territory to be called **Sierra Nevada**. Honey Lake Valley was to be included within its boundaries.

In the meantime the Honey Lakers, who had remained at home, held a special convention of their own to protest the action of the Plumas County supervisors. They drew up a manifesto commencing with the preamble that they "do consider this valley not in the State of California" and if it were, the officers selected by Plumas County were "odious" and "destitute of qualifications." Proclaiming their indignation of having officials thrust upon them, not of their own choosing, they recommended that action be taken to prevent anybody voting for permanent township officers. A committee was appointed to visit Dr. At-

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THE CASE OF ARCHY



The Goddess of Justice

*The Story of
A
Slave
who
Trusted the
California
Constitution*

ARCHY had no last name, nor did he need one, for he had been born a slave on a Mississippi plantation nineteen years before. The friendly little colored boy had accompanied his master to California in 1857 and upon his arrival at Sacramento he conceived the not unreasonable idea that he was a free man because he stood on free soil. Unfortunately for him, the California Supreme Court was of a different opinion.

Archy and his owner, Charles A. Stovall, had commenced their trip across the plains from Mississippi in the spring of 1857. No one will ever know the real motive that prompted Stovall to make the trip. His subsequent explanation that he went to California for his health is contradicted by the fact that upon reaching Nevada he bought a ranch in Carson Valley. There he left his team and wagon, explaining that his oxen were too weak to climb the mountains.

Owner and slave arrived in Sacramento early in October. Being short of funds Stovall opened a private school which flourished for a period of about two months. In the meantime he hired out Archy to work for others, permitting the boy to retain most of his earnings.

Stovall then decided to send Archy back home. He placed him on a Sacramento River steamer bound for San Francisco. There an agent was to take charge of the slave and see that he was transported back to Mississippi by way of Panama.

But Archy had other ideas. He had no intention of returning to a life of servitude in the South. The steamer had no more than left the docks when Archy jumped off and swam ashore. His master swore out a warrant for his arrest and he was apprehended by a Sacramento policeman and lodged in the local jail. However, Chief of Police Lansing refused to deliver Archy to his master and Stovall obtained a writ of habeas corpus from the California Supreme Court.

Court and Counsel

The case was argued before Chief Justice David S. Terry and Justice Peter H. Burnett. For some unknown reason, the other justice, Stephen J. Field, did not participate in the hearing.

Both Terry and Burnett were Southerners. No doubt, in deciding the case before them, their consciences wrestled with a deep-seated bias. Thirty-four year old Terry, the son of a cotton planter, had been born in Kentucky. He had been brought by parents to Texas before its annexation to the United States. During the Civil War he returned to the South and joined the Confederate Army.

Peter H. Burnett had served as the first governor of California. Born in Tennessee fifty years before, he had spent his early manhood in Missouri.

Archy was represented by Joseph W. Winans, a former New Yorker, frequently called the "first scholar of the California Bar." Twenty years later he helped draft the State's sec-

ond constitution.

Stovall's lawyer was James H. Hardy, a fiery Southerner, who during the Civil War, was impeached, convicted and removed from a district judgeship by reason of treasonable utterances against the United States government.

The Issue

Archy's liberty should have depended upon the Court's interpretation of the anti-slavery provision of the California Constitution which read, "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude . . . shall ever be tolerated in this State."

As the case turned out, the law was all on Archy's side, but he did not win his freedom!

The Argument

Stovall's attorney, Hardy, commenced the argument by declaring that the anti-slavery section of the Constitution was merely an expression of public policy and was without force or effect because the Legislature had enacted no law to enforce it.

Calling attention to the fact that there were only a few slaves in California in 1849, when the Constitution was adopted, he sarcastically remarked, "I cannot consent to stultify the members of the convention who framed . . . the Constitution by the indulgence of the thought that the section in view owed its place in the Constitution to so blind an infatuation as sympathy for a few hundred negro slaves."

Hardy claimed that Stovall was only traveling through the state and just a temporary resident, and as such had the right to bring his per-

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OLD OFFICE

A Pioneer in Orange County Titles

ON last September twenty-fourth, the Orange County Title Company celebrated its sixtieth birthday anniversary. During the afternoon and evening the officers and employees of the pioneer firm held open house for a large number of friends at the company's spacious building at Fifth and Main streets in Santa Ana.

The history of the Orange County Title Company actually began in 1889 when the County of Orange was created. At that time two abstract companies were organized, the Santa Ana Abstract Company and the Orange County Abstract Company. As their names imply, the primary purpose of these firms was to furnish "abstracts" to purchasers of real estate.

Abstract

An abstract was a written document giving a concise history of the ownership of a parcel of land commencing with the name of the first owner. In Orange County most of these first owners were the grantees (or their successors) of great ranchos which had been given them by either the Spanish or Mexican government and whose titles had been confirmed by the United States Land Commission. After noting such confirmation the abstract would set forth a chronological account of every transfer of ownership by sale or inheritance as well as the record of all documents, such as mortgages, affecting the land.

All of the items contained in such a history had been "abstracted" from the records of the county re-

corder. Thus, by reading an "abstract" the purchaser of a tract of land could trace down the title and determine if it were "free and clear" of defects.

Prior to 1889 buyers of land in what is now Orange County procured their abstracts from companies in the city of Los Angeles, as Orange County was then a part of Los Angeles County. With the formation of the new county it was still necessary for the abstract companies to refer back to the old Los Angeles records in order to obtain a complete history of the land title.

The Orange County Abstract Company, organized by local citizens, with W. S. Bartlett as president and Frederick Stephens as secretary, decided to provide itself with a complete file of all documents recorded with the Los Angeles County Recorder affecting land in Orange County. This monumental task was accomplished by a force of expert chronologists and abstractors at the cost of \$18,000, a large sum in those days. Expensive though it was, Bartlett and his associates felt great satisfaction in being independent of any Los Angeles abstract company. This great abstract of Los Angeles County records, comprising three hundred volumes, is now in the possession of the Orange County Title Company and is still referred to.

The Santa Ana Abstract Company was organized with T. D. Huff as president and George Taylor as secretary. Unlike its local rival it had no transcript of Los Angeles County records and had to rely upon

the Los Angeles Abstract Company for information from Los Angeles records. To meet the fast service of its competitor, the Santa Ana Abstract Company made use of the telephone, a recent innovation.

C. E. Parker

It was soon obvious that the two small abstract companies were in need of vigorous management. In 1892 C. E. Parker purchased the stock of Huff in the Santa Ana Abstract Company and with the assistance of Los Angeles associates he effected a consolidation with the Orange County Abstract Company.

The product of this merger, which took place in 1894, was called the **Orange County Title Company**. Parker, a native of Indiana, had come to Santa Ana in 1872 and to him goes the credit of furnishing the city with its first electric lighting system as well as its first telephones. He was the first president of the Orange County Title Company and served as such until his death in 1930.

For several years the business of the company was handled by three persons. Parker took care of the escrows and made a daily trip to the court house where he collected information at the recorder's office of all real estate transactions. This information was in turn posted in the company's books by Mrs. L. C. Greene who also served as searcher. Frederick Stephens, secretary of the old Orange County Abstract Company, doubled as title examiner and legal adviser.

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MUSIC IN EARLY CALIFORNIA

SEVERAL years ago Americans were singing a jaunty little song called *La Cucaracha* or "Little Cockroach." Few realized that this lively tune was a favorite with early Spanish Californians who ascribed many adventures to Master Cockroach.

The love of music was in the blood of the early California Dons. Everything they did, whether work or play, had to have its musical accompaniment. Baptisms, weddings, tertulias (evening parties), love-making and even funerals were accompanied by music of some sort.



In every house singing or the sound of the *vihuela*, a kind of guitar, might be heard at almost any hour of the day or night. These early Californians seemed to be born musicians. Without any technical training they sang well and played their guitars skillfully. Singing and dancing were as common as eating and sleeping. Most of the men had pleasing baritone or tenor voices. They did not sing in the strange, high falsetto popular in Mexico. If a man could not play an instrument or sing agreeably, he was considered odd.

The light hearted Californians found great enjoyment in dancing and it was not unusual for their fiestas to continue for several days. In 1834 in Los Angeles when Pio Pico celebrated his marriage to Maria Ignacio Alvarado, feasting, dancing and music continued for eight days.

Music for the formal *baile* or the informal fandango was usually fur-

nished by harp, violin or flute. Almost every man could play an instrument, particularly the guitar or violin, so that musicians were easily relieved at a party.

Joaquin Carrillo, father-in-law of General Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo, was an accomplished violinist. One night Commandante Ruiz gave a ball at his home in San Diego. He commanded Carrillo, who was a soldier at that time, to play a certain song. Alas, the tuning of Carrillo's violin took much time! Being incensed at the delay, Ruiz ordered the soldier-musician put in stocks, forthwith ended the party and sent his guests home!

Three pianos were brought from Baltimore by Captain Smith and sold, one to José Abrego, of Monterey, one to Eulogio Célis in San Pedro and the third to M. G. Vallejo, in Sonoma.

Larkin, who was United States Consul at that time in Monterey, wished to have a ball at his home in honor of Commodore Jones. He asked Abrego if he might borrow the piano for the evening. Abrego granted the request but commented that since no one knew how to play it, the piano would be of little use.

Song Ballads

Song ballads were the feature of every party. Often during the progress of the dance the guests who were clever at improvising, composed doggerel poetry in honor of some person whom they admired, extolling her personal beauty and grace or his accomplishments. Such expressions of love, devotion and praise were chanted with the music



by
JAMES J. FRIIS

of the instruments. The whole company joined in the general chorus at the end of each verse. Sometimes these calypso type improvisations took the form of sarcastic allusions to political or other events.

The folk-song, comic as well as romantic, was common and formed one of the fascinating customs of the day. These ballads were not in print but were passed from mouth to mouth. Some of them have recently been rescued from oblivion and put in printed form with the musical score. The ancient popular songs of California, according to Bancroft, were introduced from Sonora, Mexico.

The serenade was the most frequent use of the ballad. The love-lorn swain found music the best means to soften the obdurate heart of his lady love so beneath her barred window nightly he lightly touched his guitar and raised his voice in the tender plaint of a love song.

Night after night serenaders would go about the street, sometimes in a company with several instruments and voices singing together, sometimes each lover under a different window.

Probably the elderly neighbors whose courting days were over, complained to the *alcalde* concerning this type of musical performance for there came into being an ordinance of the pueblo of Los Angeles which states: "All individuals serenading promiscuously around the streets of the city at night without having first obtained permission from the *alcalde* will be fined \$1.50 for the first offense, \$3.00 for the second offense, and for the third punished according to law."

Many of the early songs of the Spanish period are still popular. The

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California Place Names



CALIFORNIA

For many years there was much speculation as to the origin and meaning of **California**. The mystery was solved by the well known American writer, Edward Everett Hale, who revealed his findings in the proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society for April, 1862. Hale related his discovery of a Spanish romantic novel printed about 1510, called *Las Sergas de Esplandian* (the deeds of Esplandian.) This book states, "Know ye that at the right hand of the Indies there is an island called California, very close to that part of the Terrestrial Paradise, which was inhabited by black women without a single man among them, and they lived in the manner of Amazons. They were robust of body with strong passionate hearts and great virtue. The island itself is one of the wildest in the world on account of the bold and craggy rocks. In their land there are many griffins . . . In no other place of the world are they found."

The author of this fictional narrative, Garcia Ordonez de Montalvo, describes these Amazons as being ruled by a queen named **Calafia**.

Apparently Montalvo's book was a "best seller" and many early explorers were acquainted with it. The word, **California**, first appeared in an official document in the diary of the expedition of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, under the date of July 2, 1542, while sailing near the tip of Lower California. The name first appeared upon a map in 1562.

BENICIA

Benicia was named in honor of Francisca Benicia Carillo Vallejo,

wife of General Mariano G. Vallejo. It lies about twenty-eight miles northeast of San Francisco.

On December 23, 1846, Vallejo and Robert Semple signed an agreement providing for the establishment of the city which its founders believed would be the most important metropolis of the west. The town was to be named **Francisca**.

This agreement was recorded with Washington A. Bartlett, alcalde of Yerba Buena. Anticipating that **Francisca** might be an important rival of Yerba Buena, Bartlett changed the name of Yerba Buena to **San Francisco**. According to General William T. Sherman, "Dr. Semple was so outraged at their changing the name to one so nearly like his town that he, in turn, changed his town's name to the other name of Mrs. Vallejo, and Benicia it has been to this day."

From May 18, 1853, to February 25, 1854, Benicia was the capital of California.

RIVERSIDE

The city of Riverside was first called **Jurupa** after the Rancho Jurupa upon which it stood. The settlement was commenced in 1869 when Louis Prevost started a colony for the production of silk, he having learned silk culture in France.

The project was discontinued with Prevost's death and the land of Jurupa was acquired by John W. North of the Southern California Colony Association. That company commenced digging a canal in 1870 to bring water from the Santa Ana River to the village.

When the water arrived at Jurupa on July 1, 1871, the town's entire population of 25 turned out to celebrate the occasion. Shortly afterward the name of **Riverside** was adopted.

TOADTOWN

The village of **Toadtown** is situated a short distance from Susanville. It received its name because of the numerous toads observed in the locality after a rainstorm.

In December, 1864, the name was changed to **Johnstonville**, in honor of Robert Johnston, an early settler of Honey Lake Valley.

YOU BET and RED DOG

You Bet was a mining camp on the middle fork of the Yuba River, in Nevada County, which was established in 1857.

A number of miners met in Lazarus Beard's local saloon and discussed possible names for the new settlement. One man suggested "You bet," Beard's favorite expression. **You Bet** the town became!

The nearby camp of **Red Dog** was founded in the early 'fifties, and was given its name by Charlie Wilson, after his old home, Red Dog Hill, Illinois. **Red Dog** was ultimately absorbed by **You Bet**.

COLTON

The city of Colton, in San Bernardino County, was first settled in 1843 by a group of Spanish-New Mexican colonists from Santa Fe, New Mexico. It was first called **Politana**, **Politan**, **Apolitana**, **Epolitana** and **Hypolitana**, all of these names no doubt being corruptions of the name of the first settler in the locality, Hypolito Espinosa.

The early village disappeared, later to be replaced by the modern city of Colton, named in honor of David D. Colton, one of the associates of the "Big Four" who built the Central Pacific Railroad. Colton was Senator Broderick's second in his fatal duel with Chief Justice Terry.

MODESTO

When the Central Pacific came to the site of Modesto in 1870, the railroad officials decided to call the station **Ralston**, for W. C. Ralston, one of its directors and an important San Francisco banker.

Ralston modestly declined the honor and the townsite was named **Modesto**, Spanish for "modesty."

SHIRTAIL CANYON

Shirtail Canyon, in Placer County, received its name in 1849, from a miner working in its stream, clad only in his shirt.

OXALIS and SILAXO

Oxalis was the name given to a station on the Southern Pacific between Fresno and Los Banos. It is the botanical name for wood sorrel.

A short distance from Oxalis is **Silaxo** which is Oxalis spelled backwards!

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A Poet Visits Anaheim



EMERSON J. MARKS

Emerson Joseph Marks passed away on last August nineteenth at the Santa Ana Community Hospital. Born seventy-eight years ago at Kenwood, New York, he came to Santa Ana with his parents at the age of four.

After being graduated from the Santa Ana High School he attended the Hastings College of Law at San Francisco. Upon his admission to the bar he commenced practicing law at Fullerton where he was appointed city attorney.

During World War I he served as major with the General Staff Corps at Washington, D. C.

In 1925 he was appointed to the Orange County Superior court bench and upon his election in the following year he served until 1929 when he was elevated to the District Court of Appeal of the Fourth District. He was an appellate court justice until his retirement in 1950. Thereafter he practiced law in Santa Ana until last May.

Justice Marks took an active interest in civic and fraternal affairs. He was a member of Fullerton Lodge No. 339, F. & A. M., Fullerton Chapter No. 90, R. A. M., Fullerton Commandery No. 55, K.T., Anaheim Lodge No. 1345, B. P. O. E. He was a past commander of the Fullerton post of the American Legion.

TEARS

There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love.—Washington Irving.

APPEARANCES

Do not judge from mere appearances; for the light laughter that bubbles on the lip often mantles over the depths of sadness, and the serious look may be the sober veil that covers a divine peace and joy. The bosom can ache beneath diamond brooches; and many a blithe heart dances under coarse wool.—E. H. Chapin.

IN the winter of 1907 Ella Wheeler Wilcox visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Wilcox at their ranch, "Del Sur," situated southwest of Anaheim. At the time she was a nationally famous poet, being best remembered for her poem which commences, "Laugh, and the world laughs with you; weep, and you weep alone." Although friendly critics admitted that her work was more "heart" than "art" she had a great following.

One of her admirers was Thomas H. Hollingsworth, mail carrier for Anaheim rural route number four. Summoning up courage he asked Mrs. Wilcox for a "souvenir." In response she wrote for him the following poem.

THE COMING OF THE POSTMAN

The ponies of the postman are trotting up the street,
Our hearts are beating measure to the music of their feet;
For nothing else can happen, that brings the sure delight
As the coming of the postman to folks suburbanite.

In spite of wind or weather, in seasons dry or wet,
We count upon his coming and he never failed us yet;
A friend to be relied on, in confidence we wait,
This bringer of the tidings, this messenger of fate.
And nothing else can happen that brings the same delight
As the coming of the postman to folks suburbanite.

There is a kindly sentiment in these verses. However, an old timer has observed that Mrs. Wilcox used her poetic license, for the "ponies of the postman" that she graphically visualized, were in fact a team of little mules!

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SYMPATHY

Sympathy is the first great lesson which man should learn. It will be ill for him if he proceeds no farther; if his emotions are but excited to roll back on his heart, and to be fostered in luxurious quiet. But unless he learns to feel for things in which he has no personal interest, he can achieve nothing generous or noble.—Talfourd.

Always behave as if nothing has happened no matter what has happened.—Arnold Bennett.

Freethinkers are generally those who never think at all.—Sterne.

Worship your heroes from afar; contact withers them.—Neckar.

He who loves with purity considers not the gift of the lover, but the love of the giver.—Thomas a Kempis.

Trust not him that hath once broken faith.—Shakespeare.

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MUSIC

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enjoyable *La Cucaracha* has gone through many forms. It has not always referred to the pestiferous little insect. During Pancho Villa's revolution, the tune was used for a marching song by the Mexican soldiers. Many other times words uncomplimentary to the current enemy have been improvised to it. In the most popular version of the song, *la cucaracha* refers to a hero, namely a cockroach who couldn't walk any farther because he was without money.

"Cucaracha, you must hear your silly doom,
For you can never go this distance
With the money from the moon."

A song brought to California in the early nineteenth century by Hilar



and his colonists is *Varsoviana*. The words of a familiar verse are:

"My Juana, dear Juana
How came you here?
I am sad and lonely,
Lonely came I here,
Come Juana, we will dance today
The *Varasoviana*, with its tune
so gay."

Everyone in the old days sang *La Golondrina*. However, it is not a true folk song for it was written by Narciso Seradell, a Spanish composer.

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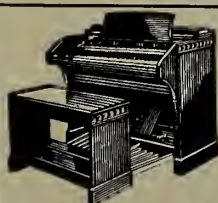
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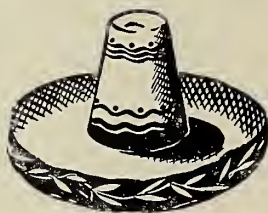
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Its title refers to the swallow, a bird often mentioned by early Spanish poets as a carrier of love messages. The tender melody is in keeping with the romantic sentiment.

Ay, ay, ay, ay, beautiful heaven.
I am here beneath thy window,
Singing to my Cielito Lindo."



Even in grief the early Californians found solace in music. In his diary, on September 18, 1856, Judge Benjamin Hayes commented on local funeral customs, saying, "I like this custom of the native Californians, the merry peal of the bell, the beautiful trappings of the little cold form, gay flags that flaunt in the breeze as the procession moves, and even the music of the guitar or violin that guides the step as they march to the grave."

While the coming of the gold seekers marked the close of a pleasant pastoral era, California has a rich heritage of music of its own.

The Weakest spot with mankind is where they fancy themselves most wise.
—C. Simmons.

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STOCKTON

Stockton had its beginnings in 1845 when Charles M. Weber purchased the Rancho del Campo de los Franceses from William Gulnac. Upon this grant he established the town of Weberville whose name was later changed to Tuleburg.

After Commodore Robert F. Stockton had made his conquest of California during the Mexican War, Weber named his village Stockton.

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HOLTVILLE and EL CENTRO

Holtville, the "carrot capital of the world," was originally named Holton by its founder, W. F. Holt. At the request of the United States Postal Department the name of the town was changed to Holtville.

El Centro (Spanish for "the center") was also established by W. F. Holt. He originally called it Cabarker in honor of his friend, C. A. Barker. When the city was incorporated in 1905 it adopted its present name.

STONEMANS MOUNTAIN

Stonemans Mountain received its name in 1853 from R. S. William-son of the Pacific Railroad Survey party of which Lieutenant George Stoneman was a member.

Stoneman, a New Yorker and graduate of West Point, came west during the Mexican War, serving with the Mormon Battalion as quartermaster.

He became a general in the Union Army during the Civil War. From 1883 to 1887 he served as governor of California.

SANTA MONICA

The city of Santa Monica received its name indirectly from the Santa Monica Mountains. These mountains were seen by the Portola Expedition on May 4, 1770, the feast day of Saint Monica, mother of Saint Augustine, and were named in her honor.

Upon the Rancho San Vicente y Santa Monica was founded the city of Santa Monica in 1875 by Colonel Robert S. Baker and John P. Jones, a United States senator from Nevada.

BURLINGAME

The city of Burlingame was named by William C. Ralston, San Francisco banker, for Anson Burlingame, United States minister to China from 1861 to 1867.

In 1866 Burlingame visited Ralston at his home at Belmont, about twenty-two miles south of San Francisco. He was so enthusiastic about the region that Ralston gave him a tract of 1,100 acres and named the neighboring townsite in his honor.

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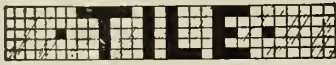
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WILBUR

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Justice Wilbur was a powerfully built man, six feet, three inches tall. He had a reputation for being frank and outspoken. In 1924 he gave an address at Seattle which was interpreted as being unfriendly to Japan. Shortly afterwards he made a speech at Catalina Island which was construed as being against prohibition.

He was a brother of the late Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, formerly president of Stanford University.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

Six years before Marshall discovered gold at Coloma, Francisco Lopez, majordomo of Mission San Gabriel, found the precious metal at Placerita Canyon, near Newhall, while digging wild onions. The exact date of his discovery was March 9, 1842.

The first and simplest emotion which we discover in the human mind, is curiosity.—Burke.

GOLD AT CATALINA ISLAND

A small gold strike took place at Catalina Island on April 20, 1863. It created so much excitement that a mining district was established to enforce mining laws. The whole thing proved to be a disappointment and the last claim was filed in 1865.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

On November 5, 1911, Calbraith B. Rodgers completed the first transcontinental airplane flight from New York to Pasadena. Although the trip took only a total of eighty-two hours of flying time, forty-nine days were consumed in making the journey. The distance was 3,390 miles.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

The first air flight from San Francisco to Los Angeles was made by Silas Christofferson on February 16, 1914. It was his fourth try.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

Lieutenants Kelly and Macready made the first transcontinental non-stop airplane flight from New York to San Diego on May 2 and 3, 1923. Time consumed was twenty-six hours, fifty minutes for the 2,516 mile trip.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

The first taxicab to be operated west of Chicago was put in service in Los Angeles on June 16, 1908.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

The first Christian religious service in California was conducted by Sir Francis Drake, at Drake's Bay, a short distance north of what is now San Francisco.

Drake landed here on June 15, 1579, took possession of the land in the name of Queen Elizabeth and called it *New Albion*.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

The first white man to set foot on California was Hernando de Alarcon, who on May 9, 1540, left Acapulco, Mexico, with two ships to cooperate with the search of Coronado for the fabulous cities of Cibola.

He sailed up the Gulf of California and reached the mouth of the Colorado River on about August 17. About a week later he and some of his party made their way up the river to its junction with the Gila River. There he anchored on the western side of the Colorado River and thus stood on California soil.

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge one for yourself.—Froude.

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Heaps began his career as a church organist and choir director at the age of eighteen. While still in Northwestern University he was selected as recital organist at Rockefeller Chapel, University of Chicago.

For the Santa Ana concert he selected a movement of the "Symphony in G. Major" by Leo Sowerby, which he had introduced at Rockefeller Chapel.

The day following his Santa Ana concert, Heaps conducted a master class in organ for three two-hour periods during the day. The class was designed particularly for church organists and music teachers.

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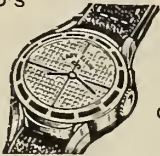
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sonal property with him, which property incidentally included Archy.

On behalf of the negro boy, Winans pointed out that the facts clearly showed that Stovall was neither traveling through California nor was he a temporary resident. He observed that Stovall had advertised for pupils and had announced his school as permanent. Moreover, Archy had been hired out from time to time, and the persons hiring him had been told that they could keep him as long as they chose, nothing being said about Stovall intending to leave the state.

There was another question: Why was Stovall sending Archy back to Mississippi and he himself remaining behind?

The Decision

After the attorneys had concluded their arguments the justices retired for deliberation. The decision that they arrived at was rather remarkable in view of their excellent analysis of the law.

That they fully realized the gravity of the proceedings is revealed by Justice Burnett's statement that "this case has excited much interest and feeling, and gives rise to many questions of delicacy." He then made the astounding assertion that the importance of the case lay not so much with respect to the rights of Stovall and Archy, but rather the effect of the Court's decision upon California's relations with her sister states!

At the outset Justice Burnett declared that all must recognize that slavery, as an institution existed, and despite any personal opinions upon the subject, slaves had been recognized as property by the Dred Scott decision.

Furthermore, he stated that the law was well settled that a slave owner had the right to travel through a free state with his slaves. This was called the right of transit. However, after much discussion he determined that Stovall was not traveling through the State. Therefore, he could not claim the right of transit. Justice Burnett made the interesting observation that the geographical situation of California was such that "a citizen of a slave state will scarcely, if ever, wish to pass through this state with his slave, as a mere traveler, either for business or pleasure."

Burnett now approached the next hurdle: Could a master, in search of health or pleasure bring his slave to California for a brief sojourn? Yes, he could. Would such a slave gain his freedom? Not unless his master hired him out to work for others. (Just the thing that Stovall had been doing!)

After much weighing of the law and facts Justice Burnett decided that Stovall was neither a traveler nor a visitor. What was he then? Obviously a permanent resident upon whom the California Constitution was binding. Was the anti-slavery clause effective as it stood, without additional legislation? Yes, ruled Justice Burnett.

Then Archy was free!

No, Archy was not free. This was the first case to be decided under the law, declared Justice Burnett, and undoubtedly Stovall did not understand the law. Solemnly the court decreed that Archy must return to his master.

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Typewriter Bought

With an eye to efficiency, Parker purchased a Densmore typewriter for the firm. It was the second such machine ever used in Orange County, the first being a Remington owned by Arthur Johnson, the local court reporter.

The Orange County Title Company was among the first to issue certificates of title written on a typewriter and was a pioneer in the use of carbon paper for copies. Theretofore copies had been made with a letter press.

Early Research

Searching titles in early days was one grand headache. Early surveys of the old ranchos, which were sufficient when land was cheap, often proved inadequate with the intensification of agriculture. Many old time surveyors had recorded vague and baffling descriptions. A boundary line might be described as extending in some general direction to a tree. A search on the ground would often fail to disclose either tree or stump of a tree!

Then there were puzzling government land patents and problems concerning swamp lands, uplands, overflowed lands and tidelands! Too much credit cannot be given Parker and his associates for their painstaking pioneer work which constitutes the basis of so many solid land titles today.

Progress in Title Reporting

In the early days of the company an owner of a piece of land generally had an abstract covering the history of the title up to the time he purchased the property. When he sold the land he would bring his abstract to the company who would add to it the record of any subsequent transactions affecting the title. This was called "bringing the abstract up to date."

Customarily the prospective purchaser would then submit the abstract to an attorney for examination and opinion, a practice still retained in many states. However, in Southern California some forgotten genius suggested that it would be more efficient for an abstract company rather than an attorney to give an opinion on the condition of a land title. The idea "caught on" and at an early date the Orange County

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A CALIFORNIA FIRST

The first river steamboat in California was the *George Washington* which arrived at Sacramento on August 17, 1849, from Benicia.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

The first Catholic seminary in California was established on May 7, 1844 at Mission Santa Ines, with an enrollment of five students. It was called *Colegio Seminario de Maria Santisima de Guadalupe de Santa Ines de Californias*.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

On November 22, 1842, Abel Stearns made the first commercial shipment of California gold to the Philadelphia mint. It consisted of twenty ounces of the precious metal which had been mined at Placerita Canyon, about eight miles west of Newhall.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, discoverer of California, sailed into San Diego Bay on September 28, 1542. Cabrillo was a Portuguese mariner, sailing in the service of Spain at the time.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

The first railroad in California, the Sacramento Valley Railroad Company, commenced operating between Sacramento and Folsom on February 22, 1856.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

The first telegraph line between San Francisco and Los Angeles commenced operations on October 8, 1860.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

Thomas Oliver Larkin was the first and only United States consul to California. On May 1, 1843 he was appointed to the position "for the Port of Monterey, in California, and such other ports as shall be nearer thereto than to the residence of any other consul or vice-consul of the United States within the same allegiance." Larkin entered upon his duties on April 2, 1844 and served until June 23, 1846.

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Despite the great progress in the title business someone occasionally suggests going back to the "good old days" of the abstract. It is interesting to speculate on what would happen upon a return to the old system. Consider the probable size of modern abstracts. Several years ago, at the special request of the Federal Government, the company issued an abstract covering the site of the Anaheim post office. The document was over two hundred pages long! Banks and other lending institutions, with several thousand loans upon their books, would have to acquire large amounts of additional space just to store the abstracts.

Present Management

The present officers of the Orange County Title Company have been associated with it for many years. The president, George A. Parker, a son of the founder, commenced his duties as a small boy when he served as janitor and handyman. Vice-president L. Rex Kennedy began his service as a member of the escrow de-

partment in 1921. Vice-president and general counsel Roy V. Shafer entered the legal department more than thirty-four years ago.

The Orange County Title Company has perpetuated two special qualities instituted by its founder, C. E. Parker. One of these is an exceptionally high type of service to its patrons. The other is the important fact that it has remained a local institution primarily interested in the welfare of Orange County.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

The first women to be drawn for jury duty in California were selected on October 30, 1911, to serve in the justice court of Watts, in Los Angeles County.

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las Fredonyer, who had been appointed justice of the peace, and "politely inform him that the citizens of this valley can dispense with his services."

The effort of the Plumas County authorities to hold an election for the choosing of permanent officers for the newly created Honey Lake Township ended in a fiasco. The **Marysville Express** reported that, "A portion of the people tried to hold an election . . . but the rest got double-barreled shotguns, revolvers, and butcher knives and stampeded the whole ballot box establishment . . ."

The **Express** also observed that devious measures were employed by

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the Nataquans to avoid paying taxes, stating, "The citizens of Honey Lake Valley are, for the most part, as violently opposed as ever to the exercise of any jurisdiction over them by the authorities of Plumas County. There is, however, some little inconsistency in their conduct, for when the tax collector of Plumas County came among them, they told him they were not in California but in Utah, and when Orson Hyde from Salt Lake visited them, they said they lived in California."

Roop Elected Governor

Politics continued to seethe and on July 18, 1859, another convention was held at Genoa which adopted a declaration of independence from Utah Territory and requested Congress to set up the Territory of Nevada.

On the following September seventh the hopeful residents of the proposed territory held an election and chose Roop governor. He performed very few executive duties and when Congress finally created Nevada Territory in 1861 he was displaced by James W. Nye who had been appointed by President Buchanan. However, he was immediately elected to the newly formed territorial council. Henceforth he was known as "Governor" Roop.

The law creating the territory established its western boundary line on the crest of the Sierra range and therefore Honey Lake Valley was within Nevada. This, of course, was not the understanding of California.

Nevada was divided into nine counties, one of which was called Roop and which had Susanville for its county seat. Its first judge and sheriff were John S. Ward and William Hill Naileigh, the latter being better known as "Cap" Hill.

However, there was another judge in Susanville. That judge was William J. Young who had been elected under the sponsorship of the Plumas County authorities.

Declaration of War

The Sage Brush War opened with a barrage of court orders. Judge Ward fired an injunction at Judge Young, restraining him from acting in any judicial capacity. Young ignored the order and Ward fined him

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one hundred dollars for contempt of court.

Judge E. T. Hogan of Quincy, county seat of Plumas County, now swung into action, unlimbered his legal artillery, and hurled a decree prohibiting Ward from acting as judge and Naileigh from serving as sheriff. The Roop County officials contemptuously disregarded the order. Hogan issued a warrant for their arrest and sent Plumas County's sheriff, E. H. Pierce, and deputy J. D. Byers over the mountains to take Ward and Naileigh into custody for contempt of court.

Learning of this move, Judge Ward countered with an injunction restraining Pierce from performing any official act in Roop County. Just as this order was about to be served upon Pierce, his deputy Byers snatched the paper from the Roop County deputy sheriff. Thereupon Byers was arrested for interfering with an officer. However, he was soon released as Judge Ward had forgotten to sign the warrant of arrest!

Pierce then arrested Roop County sheriff Naileigh and dispatched Byers to apprehend Ward, directing him to meet him at a ranch owned by Francis Lanigar, about four miles south of Susanville.

Roop to the Rescue

In the meantime Roop had recruited six men to assist him in rescuing Judge Ward. A short distance from the Lanigar ranch he halted his posse and went forward alone. He arrived just as Byers and Ward were leaving. A hot argument ensued, but Byers left with his prisoner.

Roop hastened back to his men and returning, soon overtook Byers and the judge. Ward was freed, Byers placed under arrest, and all returned to Lanigar's. There Byers was permitted to write a note to the Plumas County sheriff, Pierce, informing him of his predicament. The group then proceeded to Susanville.

There a perplexing problem presented itself. What was to be done

with Byers? There was no jail in town! The question was solved by placing the Plumas County deputy in the custody of Susan Roop who generously permitted him to visit friends about the village.

Meanwhile Sheriff Pierce returned to Lanigar's where he found Byers' note. Observing that the situation was hopeless, he paroled his prisoner, Naileigh, and went back to Quincy for reinforcements. There he raised a posse of ninety-three men and started back to Susanville. Leaving his miniature army at Lanigar's he pressed forward by himself.

Searching out Ward and Naileigh, Pierce placed them under arrest, but offered to immediately parole them if they would agree to surrender when wanted. Both agreed. They had been pushed and pulled around quite enough. What they craved most was peace of mind—and body! Pierce returned to Lanigar's.

The Battle Brews

News of the arrest and parole arrangement spread quickly through upper Honey Lake Valley. Old time settlers of Susanville and nearby Toadtown were enraged. They were the die-hards, the so-called "Never-Sweats."

In a short time they organized themselves into a formidable force. Unanimously they resolved that they would never permit the Roop County officers to yield to Pierce or anybody else from Quincy! The very thought of such a surrender was a disgrace. How could they stop it? The solution was simple. They seized Judge Ward and Sheriff Naileigh and lodged them in Roop's old log cabin. Now let that Pierce try to arrest them!

Pierce had been informed of developments and in the morning he found a line drawn down the center of the street in front of Roop's house. "This far and no farther," was the ultimatum of the Never Sweats

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standing guard in front of what they called "Fort Defiance."

Pierce withdrew his force to a respectable distance and negotiations commenced. Ward and Naileigh announced their readiness to surrender, but explained that their friends refused to release them. Plumas County deputies wandered about the town seeking information. Susan Roop assured them that one hundred well armed men were within the "fort." Actually there were only about thirty defenders under the able captaincy of "Rough" Elliott.

Isaac Roop scurried breathlessly from one side to the other in a last minute effort to stop hostilities.

The Plumas County men established themselves in a building diagonally across from Fort Defiance. Some of them commenced bringing up heavy logs to strengthen their defenses. Elliott shouting a warning, "Stop or we'll fire!" Nobody paid the slightest attention and a heavy volley blurted from the fort. A Plumas deputy fell with a bullet in his leg. Pierce's men commenced shooting with a vengeance and the battle was on.

The Battle

Lively firing continued for several hours. A Plumas sharpshooter hit two Never Sweats. Judge Ward was wounded while sneaking out the back door of the fort to get a drink at a nearby spring. A Honey Laker, leaving Fort Defiance to summon medical aid for the judge was captured by a Plumas deputy. Explaining his mission, he was released.

In Susanville the saloon business was flourishing as many settlers had come to town to witness the excitement.

Over at the battlefield the combatants were getting weary and in

need of refreshment, liquid and otherwise. A three-hour truce was agreed upon and, during this period of peace, belligerents from both sides had dinner together at the local hotel! Meanwhile Eber G. Bangham of the Never Sweats rode feverishly through the neighboring countryside asking for volunteers, ammunition and supplies. The loyal ladies of Toadtown responded by baking large quantities of bread for the besieged.

Negotiators agreed to extend the truce until nine o'clock the next morning.

Sheriff Pierce made a realistic appraisal of the situation. He knew that continued hostilities would result in serious loss of life. His men were fighting because of duty. The Never Sweats were fighting for a principle. Many of the combatants had friends on the other side. He suggested that all "call it quits" and select a joint committee to present the boundary line problem to the governors of California and Nevada.

The Honey Lakers agreed and a committee satisfactory to the two sheriffs, Pierce and Naileigh, was chosen and the Sage Brush War was over!

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Thou sittest at the Western Gate;
Upon thy heights so lately won
Still slant the banners of the sun;
Thou seest the white seas strike their
tents,
O Warder of two Continents!
And scornful of the peace that flies
Thy angry winds and sullen skies,
Thou drawest all things, small or
great,
To thee, beside the Western Gate.
O, lion's whelp, that hidest fast
In jungle growth of spire and mast,
I know thy cunning and thy greed,
Thy hard high lust and wilful deed,
And all thy glory loves to tell
Of specious gifts material.
Drop down, O fleecy Fog, and hide
Her skeptic sneer, and all her pride!
Wrap her, O Fog, in gown and hood
Of her Franciscan Brotherhood.
Hide me her faults, her sin and
blame,
With thy grey mantle cloak her
shame!
So shall she, cowed, sit and pray
Til morning bears her sins away.
Then rise, O fleecy Fog, and raise
The glory of her coming days;
Be as the cloud that flecks the seas
Above her smoky argosies.
When forms familiar shall give place
To stranger speech and newer face;
When all her throes and anxious
fears
Lie hushed in the repose of years;
When Art shall raise and Culture
lift
The sensual joys and meaner thrift,
And all fulfilled the vision, we
Who watch and wait shall never
see—
Who, in the morning of her race,
Toiled fair or meanly in our place—
But, yielding to the common lot,
Lie unrecorded and forgot.

—F. Bret Harte

The above poem appeared in the
first issue of *The Overland Monthly*,
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS CALIFORNIANS



"A Californian is one who was born in California; or else one who
was reborn in California."—Ella Sterling Mighels.

JUNIPERO SERRA—Apostle of California; founder of California's
first missions; one of the two Californians chosen for a place in the National
Statuary Hall in the Capitol at Washington, D. C.; born at Petra on the
island of Majorca, off the coast of Spain, November 11, 1713.

JONATHAN T. WARNER—Early western pioneer; arrived in Cali-
fornia in 1831; dubbed "Long John" because of his height, 6 feet 3 inches;
received huge grant of land in 1843; State Senator 1851-1852; Assembly-
man, 1860; unsuccessful candidate for governor, 1853; first president of
the historical Society of Southern California; often called "George Wash-
ington the Second, because he never told a lie and never swore"; born
November 20, 1807 in Hadlyme, Connecticut.

JOAQUIN MILLER—Poet of the Sierras; real name, Cincinnatus
Heine Miller; given the pseudonym "Joaquin" by Ina Coolbrith because of
his defense of the bandit Joaquin Murietta; added glamour to early Cali-
fornia by his writings; won acclaim in London with "Songs of the Sierras"
before honored in California; a picturesque figure with an unconventional
career; born in Indiana, November 10, 1841.

WILLIAM KEITH—Master California Landscape Artist; at peak of
success, his paintings sold for prices in the thousands; had studios in San
Francisco from 1872 to 1911; took time away for European travel; born,
Scotland, November 21, 1839.

WILL ROGERS—Ambassador of Good Will; newspaper columnist;
movie actor; traveller; philosopher; sage; born in Oklahoma, November 4,
1879, "half way between Claremore and Oologah before there was a town
in either place."

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CHINAMAN'S



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A FLOOD OF ORIENTALS JOINED THE CALIFORNIA GOLD RUSH

THE mad scramble for gold in pioneer California has been called the "poor man's gold rush" because everybody had equal opportunity to mine the precious metal on public land without hindrance or restriction—everybody, that is, except the Chinese. Orientals were always on the bottom of the pile, being permitted to mine only in those places which white men deemed "worked out" or otherwise unprofitable. However, as one old timer observed, when Chinamen finished mining a claim there "wasn't enough gold left to fill a bedbug's tooth."

No one knows when the first Chinese came to California, but so far as can be determined there were seven in the state in 1848. The number increased rapidly, there being 791 in 1849, 4,025 in 1850, and about 12,000 a year later. By 1860 every tenth person in California was Chinese!

Their initial reception to the state was very cordial. The *Alta California* of San Francisco wrote, "These celestials make excellent citizens and we are pleased to notice their daily arrival in large numbers." However, their rapid immigration to California soon caused considerable alarm.

Restrictive Laws

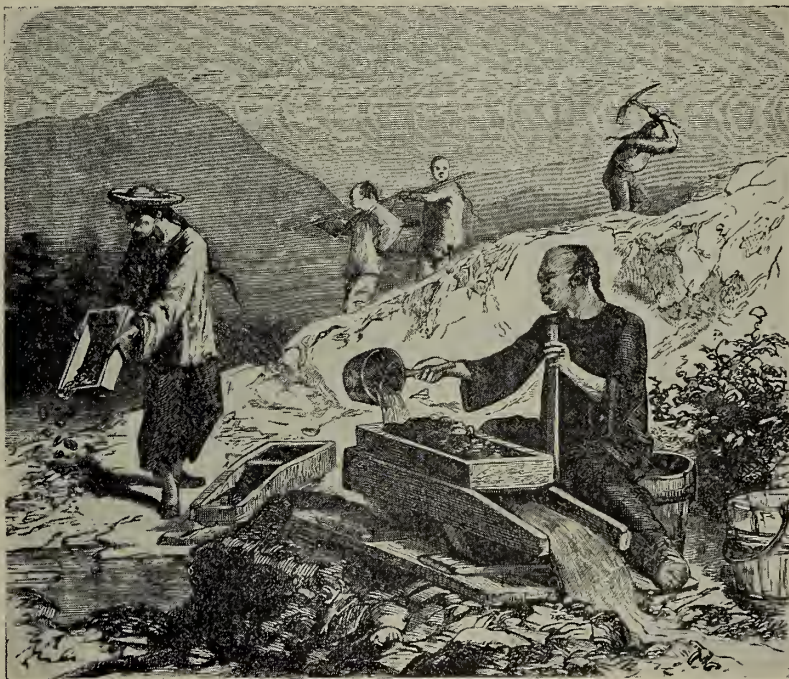
In 1850 the Legislature passed a law providing that every alien miner must pay a tax of twenty dollars a month. Without doubt this act was aimed at the Chinese. However, every mining camp had a substantial number of citizens from other lands, many of whom could not afford to pay the tax. As a result, these unfortunates left the mines and flooded cities like San Francisco. The law was speedily repealed.

Frank Marryat correctly appraised the situation in 1851 when he wrote, "There has been great outcry in the gold regions here respecting the rapidly-increasing numbers of the Chinese miners, and it was proposed forcibly to stop their immigration; it was argued, rather

When the Legislature met in 1852, Governor John Bigler summarized a situation well known throughout the state. Not only were Chinese coming here "on their own" in increasing numbers, but there was also a new problem, that of the wholesale importation of Oriental contract laborers by white men.

Legislators introduced numerous resolutions, the following being a

OLD ENGRAVING



CHINESE MINERS

dog-in-the-mangerly, that they collected vast quantities of gold from the soil that of right belonged to the Americans only, and that they carried their gold dust to their own country to spend."

A year later, Franklin A. Buck wrote from Weaverville, "The Chinese bid fair to overrun the country. They could send a million, you know, and not miss them. People are getting really alarmed at the great number coming. I see that 18 women arrived in full blown costume, the style of dress in China."

fair sample, "We learn that myriads of tawny serfs are embarking for our shores from various ports in Asia, who will cover our land like the locusts of Egypt. They will meet our brothers and relatives in the rich mining regions—laying claim to mining locations to the exclusion of our own people . . . Disputes will take place, blood will flow . . . This can now be prevented by the passage of salutary laws, prohibiting this class of foreigners from occupying the mines."

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Early School Days in the Mother Colony

by
Leo J. Friis

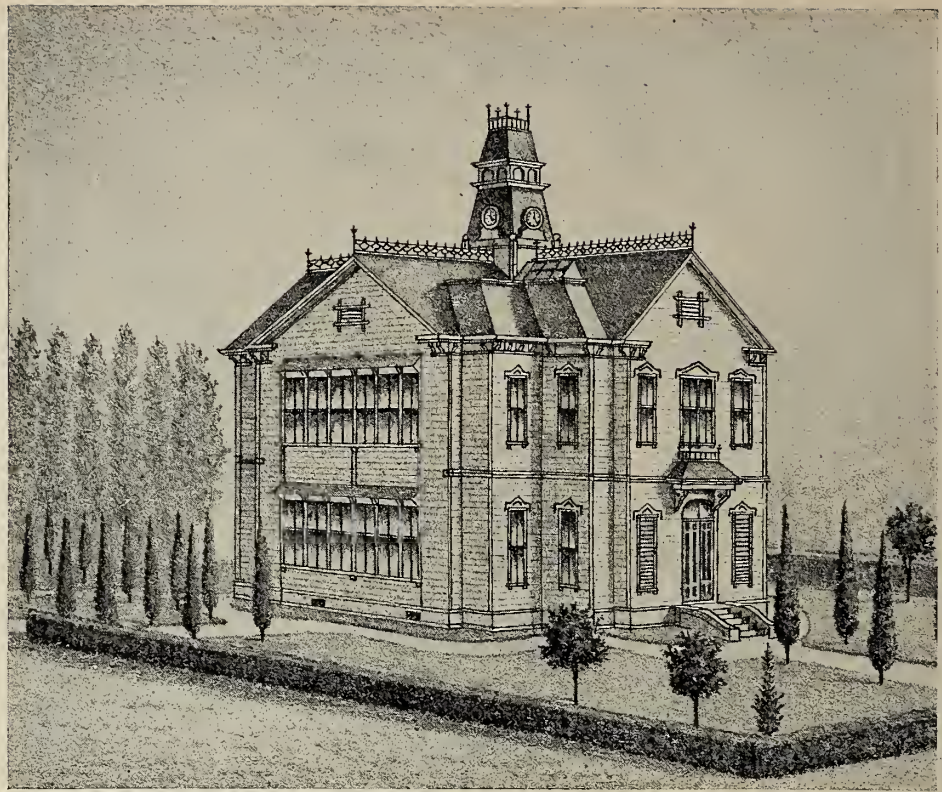
JAMES M. GUINN once made an interesting comparison between the typical Spanish settlers in California and the German pioneers who founded Anaheim. He pointed out that the Spaniards always built a church first and erected a school building afterward, whereas the original Anaheim colonists established a school ten years before they built a house of worship.

The townsite of Anaheim, then part of Los Angeles County, was purchased in 1857 for two dollars an acre, and settlement commenced in the following year. In the fall of 1859 a number of residents in the area petitioned the county superintendent of schools, J. F. Burns, to open a school in the new village. Their request was granted on condition that they find a teacher and furnish an adequate school room.

First Teacher

Obtaining a teacher was not an easy task. After some search, Frederick W. Kuelp of San Francisco was persuaded to accept the position. Although he was the owner of a twenty acre vineyard lot at the northeast corner of Olive and Santa Ana Streets, he had not planned to move to Anaheim until he was in better financial circumstances.

Had poor Kuelp known the difficulties confronting him he would never have taken the job. Intellectually, he was well equipped although he probably had never had any training in teaching methods. He was never able to thoroughly master the English language. Years later his former pupils gently recalled his difficulty in pronouncing the letter "v". To Kuelp, "vinegar" was "winegar." Physically, he was a small, sensitive



FIRST SCHOOL IN ANAHEIM BUILT WITH A BOND ISSUE

man, ill-fitted for the crudities of pioneer life. He was of a nervous disposition and suffered from goitre trouble.

Kuelp and his wife arrived early in 1860 with a generous quantity of household effects including a large square piano. Temporary housing accommodations promised him proved rather inadequate. No doubt the new school master remembered, with nostalgia, a pleasant intellectual life in San Francisco's German colony. However, he had made a bargain and he kept it.

Where was the new school house? August Langenberger, Anaheim's first merchant, had solved this problem by providing a small adobe building on the rear of the lot where the J. C. Penney store now stands. It was a single room affair poorly lighted with one small window. A rude table served as a community desk for the pupils. Improvised seats surrounded it. This was Anaheim's first school house.

First Trustees

The school trustees for the year, 1859-1860 were Thomas J. Scully, Benjamin Dreyfus and Desiderio Burrue. Scully was the pioneer teacher of what is now Orange

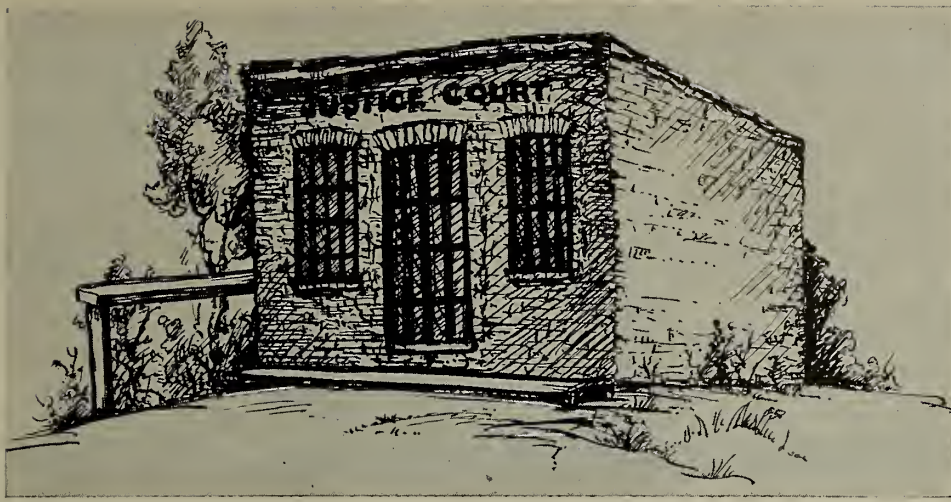
County. He commenced his career in 1855, teaching at both San Juan Capistrano and Santa Ana, the latter community being in the general locality of Yorba. (The present city of Santa Ana was not founded until 1869.) Dreyfus was Anaheim's great vintner who purchased much land bordering the original townsite. Just before the blight which destroyed Anaheim's vineyards, he built a large winery which still stands near Manchester Avenue in the southwest portion of the city. Burrue was a successful rancher who resided at what is now Olive. He was a son-in-law of Teodosio Yorba, a son of one of the original grantees of the great Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana upon which now stands the city of Santa Ana. These men cooperated well with their new teacher.

After making a survey of the anticipated number of pupils, and their ages, Kuelp made a trip to Los Angeles and obtained a list of recommended text books from the county superintendent of schools. Through Langenberger he received all needed supplies from San Francisco.

School opened in the fall of 1860 with nine pupils. Three of these, Carola, Regina and Frederick, were children of Langenberger. Antonio and Pifanio Burrue were children of school trustee Burrue. Elmina and Louise Lorenz were daughters of Charles Lorenz who owned a vine-

*Pioneer Settlers of
Anaheim Struggled to
Give Their Children
an Education*

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PIONEER JUSTICE *on The MOTHER LODE*

Another Story About the Eccentric Judge Barry

Illustrated by Naoma M. Sell

NO lawyer ever accused Judge Barry of being dishonest, but occasionally a legal eyebrow was raised in astonishment at some remarkable decision made by the eccentric jurist. Judge Barry didn't know much law, but he had a lot of good common sense, and after all, justice is based on common sense.

Fortunately for California history enthusiasts, the old court docket of Sonora judicial township still exists. From its faded pages of atrocious spelling, written in the early 'fifties, can be drawn a fairly accurate picture of the man who presided over many trials in pioneer Tuolumne County.

For instance, it can be readily discerned that Judge Barry had an intense dislike for Mexicans. Nevertheless he was very fair in his rulings. He recorded the "caze of murther against 110 Greesers. The whul of them was captured by 80 brave americans. They was put into a large Corral and me and his honor Gudge Radcliffe examined 'em. After heering all witnesses on both sides we came to the conclusion that they was not guilty. We therefore ordered the guard to reelease them, which beeing dun they returned joyfully hoamwards . . . R. C. Barry, Justice Peace, July 18, 1851."

There was another case of "the haneous crime of murther" of which several Mexicans were accused. In his docket Judge Barry wrote, "I had them brought before me, and with great patience and deliberation I heered all the evidense taking it

down in writing as this was a proper and most important caze and the poplace was so excited I ordered Sheriff Work to protect the prisoners which he did summary and with great determination."

The justice then related that he could find no evidence indicating any guilt on the part of the defendants and consequently ordered them released. However, "the poplace was unreasonable and wanted to hang them." Observing that the freeing of the prisoners would mean that they would be immediately lynched, Barry ordered them held in jail. He closes his comments with the enigmatical remark that the accused were not guilty because "the coroner of Green Springs says they [the murdered persons] must have been ded at least 4 or 5 days as they had maggots in 'em."

In another case, James Knowleton accused one Jose of robbing him of "one Bucskin purs or sacke of goold dust of the valu of 4000 dollars." Judge Barry declared, "After heering the evidence projuced in the caze I demanded of Jose—whether he was going to plead guilty or not. Jose answered me thus, 'You find out.' For such insultent and abomeable contempt of coort I fined him 3 ounces, and ajeudged him guilty. I sentenced him to restore the goold dust to the Coort and to receive well laid on 40 lashes on his bear back and to pay the Costs of the Coort . . . July 9, 1851."

The pioneer justice had the faculty of transforming a civil proceeding

into a criminal case whenever the circumstances so warranted. On one occasion John Brown sued E. Scheoph for the recovery of "one goold watch and 2 goold rings of the value of about 250 dolars." Barry determined that Brown was trying to swindle Scheoph and promptly dismissed the case and fined Brown fifty dollars "which not having I caused him to be taken to jail until he paid."

Moreover, it was not advisable for any man to accuse another of crime unless he himself was blameless. Judge Barry recorded, "This was a gambling scrape in which T. Smith the monte dealer shot and wounded Felipe Vega. After heering the witnesses on both sides I ajeudged Smith guilty of the shooting and fined him 10 dolars and Vega guilty of attempting to steele 5 ounces. I therefore fined him 100 dolars and Costs of Coort. Costs of Coort 3 ounces, R. C. Barry, Sept. 4, 1854."

Although arson cases were probably rare in mining camps, yet the judge tried one where "injun Bill was indited fur arsonizing a remada belonging to one John Brown by which he lost all his furniture . . . &c. Sentensed injun Bill to pay 32 dolars and pay for the remada and its contents, in defalt to be comited to gaol 60 days and be floged 3 times on his bear back."

One of the most startling documents which any lawyer will ever read is the summons prepared by Barry in an action for restitution of

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California Place Names



DEATH VALLEY

The name was probably used for the valley by gold seekers of the 1850's because of its forbidding appearance and because of the skeletons of unfortunate wanderers found there. William Lewis Manly, a member of the Jayhawker Party of 1849, wrote, "Just as we were ready to leave and return to camp we took off our hats, and then overlooking the scene of so much trial, suffering and death, spoke the thought uppermost, saying, 'Goodbye, Death Valley'."

Most maps of the early period leave the region blank, but Lapham and Taylor (1856) designate the valley as **Armagosa Desert**. The earliest known mention of the present name is an entry written by a member of the Boundary Commission, dated February 24, 1861: "Death Valley, which forms the grand retort for all its damned ingredients . . . is a vast and deep pit of many gloomy wonders."

The Geographic Board made the name official February 7, 1906. Death Valley Monument, embracing an area of 1,610,000 acres, was established by President Herbert Hoover in February, 1933, to protect the area's mineralogical, geological and historical features.

TIPTON

Authorities differ on how this town in Tulare County received its name. Some say it was named for John Tipton, the first white child born in this area, about 1850. Others say that it was named after the English town, in the county of Stafford, England.

SANTA FE SPRINGS

Santa Fe Springs was originally called **Fulton Wells**. Dr. J. E. Fulton came to the locality in 1873 and purchased sixty acres of land which he had surveyed and laid out into "villa" lots.

Here he drilled two flowing wells which, in a circular, he described as being "located two miles north of Norwalk Station, on the Los Angeles and Anaheim Railroad." Dr. Fulton confidently advertised the mineral waters produced from his wells as being beneficial in the treatment of "all cutaneous diseases, chronic kidney and liver complaints, scrofula, rheumatism, neuralgia, dyspepsia, etc." If odor had any curative powers, the waters must have had therapeutic value as they were heavily charged with "sulphurated hydrogen gas."

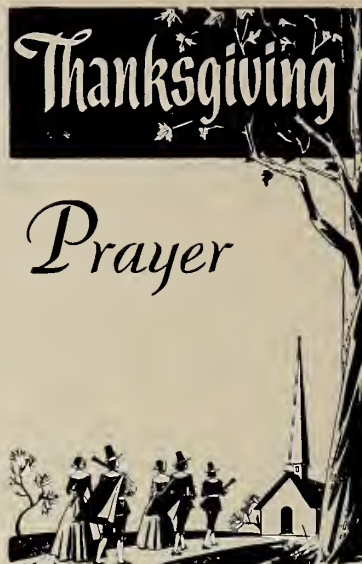
Conveniently adjoining the wells was a bathhouse where hot and cold baths were available. There was also an open air plunge for use during the summer months.

In 1878 Dr. Fulton erected a hotel upon his property which he called the **Fulton Sulphur Springs and Health Resort**. Dr. E. R. Vernon described the resort in laudatory terms in the February, 1880, issue of **Tropic California**, stating, "The locality is free from malaria, and with the tonic mountain air and healthful seabreeze, there is no place of superior advantages to the invalid, or a more quiet, restful retreat for the overworked."

The Santa Fe Railroad purchased the town site in 1886 when they completed their line through that area. Appropriately they changed the name of the budding village to **Santa Fe Springs**.

CAMPTONVILLE

Camptonville was probably the best known of the early mining towns of northeastern Yuba County. Rich gold discoveries were made here in 1850 and 1851. Inasmuch as the site was on a ridge halfway between Nevada City and Downieville, it was first known as **Gold Ridge**. When Robert Campton, a blacksmith, settled here about 1852, the name was changed to Camptonville.



Come, ye thankful people, come
Raise the song of harvest-home:
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall in that day
All offenses purge away;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To thy final harvest-home;
Gather thou thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There, for ever purified,
In thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home.

—Henry Alford, 1844

COLUMBIA

Columbia, in Tuolumne County, was first known as **American Camp**, then as **Hildreth's Diggings** after Thaddeus and George Hildreth who came here in 1850. Majors Farnsworth and Sullivan and D. G. Alexander are credited with giving the mining camp its present name. It was made a State Park in 1945.

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BOOK REVIEW

Edmund Booth, Forty-niner. Portions of his autobiographical notes, Gold Rush diary and letters. San Joaquin Pioneer and Historical Society, Stockton, California.

Reviewed by
Helen Brewer Heckenlaible

The life story of Edmund Booth, '49-er, is one of sturdy independence, determination and endurance in the face of handicaps and difficulties which would have been overwhelming to many. "Totally deaf, blind in one eye, with limited use of speech, married to a deaf-mute, poor, with education formally limited (but finally thorough), he achieved considerably more than the average man not thus handicapped," according to the Foreward of the book.

His reminiscences start with an account of his early life, and his trip from Connecticut to Iowa in 1839. Enroute he stopped in Chicago, then a straggling village of hardly more than twenty frame buildings.

In Iowa he looked up former friends from Hartford, Connecticut, with whom he worked at building a saw-mill and dam near the town of Anamosa, for seventy-five cents per day and board. Here he was married a year later to the daughter in the family, who had been a pupil of his in the Hartford school for the deaf, in which he had been a student and teacher.

The wedding ceremony presented some difficulties to the justice of the peace who had never performed at a wedding and found he had no manual prescribing the proper ceremonial words. But the groom was equal to the occasion and produced a newspaper account of the recent marriage of Queen Victoria to Prince Albert. It was agreed that a form good enough for the British royal pair would be suitable, so the justice pointed out the necessary passages in the newspaper account, the bride and groom nodded their responses, and the ceremony was duly accomplished.

Edmund and Mary Ann settled down to the life of the pioneer community and became parents of a boy, Thomas, in 1842, and a girl, Harriet, in 1848. But the discovery of gold in California stirred the imaginations of the settlers, and Edmund became restless to join the throngs of ox-drawn wagon trains that began to plod daily past the door.

Early in 1849 he set out for the gold country, and his journal gives an account of the day-by-day difficulties and hardships encountered on this perilous journey, which took some six months—a distance now covered by car in a few days, or by air in a few hours. Mails were slow and uncertain in 1849, and although he arrived in Sacramento on October 25, it was January of 1850 before Mary Ann received word of his safe arrival, and another six weeks before he received his first word from her in answer.



His subsequent letters to his wife speak eloquently of the difficulties, disappointments and hard labor that were the lot of the early placer miners in the vicinity of Sonora and Columbia, and of the loneliness of the life far from home and family in a pioneer society which was strictly masculine—he did not see a half dozen white women during his years in California. Cut off from the spoken word, he read the few books available to an isolated pioneer, and was a devoted subscriber to the local newspapers and those sent out from the East, often walking many miles to the post office to get them. These he pondered, and gained an interest and insight into politics and public affairs that was unusual.

At home, his young wife, Mary Ann, herself a deaf-mute, was faced with the problems of making all the decisions regarding her daily living and the raising of two small children, and her letters reveal poignantly her own loneliness and the anxiety for her husband and family as the months of separation lengthened into years and she almost despaired of his return.

Having made the venture, Edmund was determined, however, to accumulate a sufficient sum to assure his family's future, and having decided the west was too unsettled for family living, worked doggedly and counselled her to patience.

The rest of the story is for the book to tell. Published by the San Joaquin Pioneer and Historical Society of Stockton, it is an unusual document in which the reader will live again the pioneer life of another century.

(Of the descendants of Edmund Booth, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren reside in California. The grandchildren are Dr. Mary L. LeClere and Herbert L. LeClere of Los Angeles and Walter B. LeClere of Pasadena. The great-grandchildren are Helen B. Heckenlaible of Lodi, Gertrude D. Brewer of San Francisco, Ruby L. Lee of Glendale and Margaret L. Jensi of Los Angeles.)

ELLWOOD J. MUNGER

Ellwood J. Munger, 70, founder of the Munger Oil Information Service, passed away on October fourth.

He was born at Newhall, California, and was graduated from Pomona College in 1908. He commenced his career with the Union Oil Company and from his experiences in the oil fields of Brea developed the idea of establishing an oil field scouting service.

Taking notes on drilling operations he started a small weekly publication covering the Los Angeles Basin. Later his activities became statewide in scope and in 1929 his report was issued daily.

Munger is mentioned as an oil news authority in an article on the oil industry by William Loftus included in *Armor's History of Orange County*, published in 1921.

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PIONEER JUSTICE

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property. Addressed to the sheriff it read, "You are comanded to summons Maberry and Street to appear befor me at my offiss on the 8 day of November, A. D., 1851 at the hour of nine o'clock to answer a compleant filed in this Coort by D. T. Donnalid the same charging them with a nucense by putting a privvy on a lot which they have jumped belonging to Plaintiff, as a posesor rite he now comes to claim his rites as an american citizen by claiming a writ to dispossess them and to have restitution according to law with apropreate dammaggers for the imposision now about to be carried out against him by sich high handed and mercanory arrowgance on the part of the Acused, Sonora City, November 5, 1851. R. C. Barry, Justice Peace."

Barry records that the defendants were in court at the appointed time, whereupon he "ajeudged that Maberry and Street restore to Donna-lid the premises and pay one ounce dammaggers."

The Sonora justice performed with the wisdom of Solomon in a boundary line dispute between two parties. He records, "This was a caze in which James Touer had jumped a peece of grund that the Wideawake company claimed as part of thear clame. Upon heering the evidense of all the witnesses on boath sides, and taking the caze under avisement I came to the following conclusion that boath parties is in falt. I therefore decree that the grund be equally di-

vided, and one haf be returned to James Touer and one half to the Wideawake company and that each pay one haf of the Costs of Coort share and share alike. Costs of Coort 6 ounces, and that each stand comited til each of them pays their amount. R. C. Barry, Justice Peace, August 14, 1851."

Justice Barry's method of collecting his costs in the foregoing case is rather extraordinary. He obviously adopted a little criminal procedure by invoking a method used in collecting fines in misdemeanor cases. Moreover, an interesting question presents itself: How would he send a company to jail if it refused to pay its share of the costs?

At times Judge Barry would actually wax eloquent in discussing a case. For instance, the time when Emanuel Barretta was accused of stealing some money from an old Mexican woman. According to Barry's record "nearly the whole Barr of Sonora were engaged fur the pros. [prosecution] or deft [defendant]."

Becoming somewhat bored with the proceeding and no doubt having his mind already made up, the judge fell asleep during the trial. Waking up he "took the matter under advisement" and wrote the following excellent opinion: "Having investigated the caze of Emanuel Barretta charged by an old mexican woman with having abstracted a box of munney which was burried in the grund jointly belonging to herself and daughter and carrying it fur its contents away from her dwelling and apropreating it the same to his owne use and beniffit the supposed amount being over 200 dolars, but faleing to prove posetively that it contained morn 20 dolars and proven by testimony of his owne acknoledgment the

case being so at varriance with the coman dictates of hoomanity and having been done under verry pane-ful curcumstances at the time when the young female was about to close her exestence the day before she died, and her aged muther at the same time lying upon a bead of sickness unable to rise or get a morsel of food fur herself, and he at the time presenting his self as an Angel of Releaf to the poor and distitute ailing when 20 poor dolars might have relieved the emejate needssessities of the poor infeabled sick and distitute old woman far from hoam and friends cals imperitively for a sever

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SCHOOL DAYS

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yard at the southwest corner of Lemmon and Santa Ana Streets. Tomas and Falepa Yorba resided at Santa Ana, near Olive.

There is no record of what compensation Kuelp received. It must have been very little as tradition has it that other colonists contributed vegetables and other produce to his scanty larder. Mrs. Kuelp aided the family exchequer by teaching music and needlecraft.

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Flood

All went well until February, 1862, when Anaheim was visited by a flood which covered the village with four feet of water. Being built of sun-dried mud bricks, the new school house crumbled in the swirling currents and the town was again without a home for its pupils.

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This building housed the offices of the Anaheim Water Company and therefore could properly be called the town hall of its day. At that time Anaheim was not incorporated as a city and was governed from the far away county seat of Los Angeles. For all practical pur-

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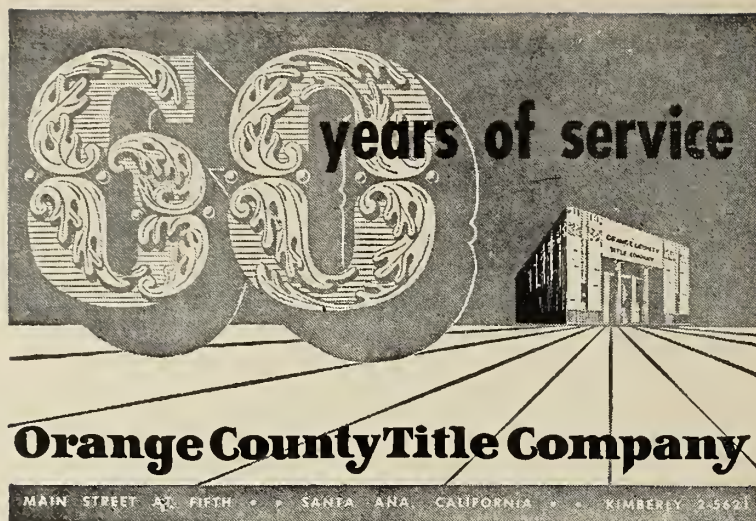
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PLACE NAMES

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HUENEME

Hueneme, in Ventura County, derived its name from a Chumash Indian place name. It was first sighted by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in 1542. He called the nearby Indian village, *Pueblo de las Canoas*, (Spanish for "village of the canoes") because the Indians used many canoes for fishing. The present city was founded in 1870 by W. E. Barnard and his partners.

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Watson served two terms as state senator and four terms as state assemblyman. He was at one time trustee of the Orange Union High School and also a city councilman and mayor of Orange.



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placer mining, the town ultimately was named Placerville.

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JAMESTOWN

Jamestown, in Tuolumne County, was given its name in 1848 by Colonel George F. James, a San Francisco lawyer, who started the village. Locally the place is referred to as "Jimtown."

"One man with courage makes a majority."—Andrew Jackson.

JUDGE BARTLETT

Judge Alfred L. Bartlett has just retired after eleven years service as a superior court judge of Los Angeles County. He was first appointed to the bench by Governor Earl Warren on February 20, 1943.

Bartlett, who was born in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1884, came to California in 1906 from Amherst, Massachusetts. He was graduated from the University of Southern California College of Law in 1909.

He served two terms in the State Assembly and was once president of the State Bar of California.

Judge Bartlett estimates that he granted more than 5,000 uncontested divorce decrees during his judgeship. His final judgment was an order upholding the Norwalk Board of Education's discharge of Solly Rubenstein, a teacher, for refusing to answer questions about Communism.

The Bear Flag was raised over the plaza at Sonoma on June 14, 1846.

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A CALIFORNIA FIRST

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PIONEER JUSTICE

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LIVERMORE

Robert Livermore, an English sailor, came to California in the 1820's via South America. He was born in London in 1799. He deserted his ship and worked in various parts of California. On April 10, 1839, he became co-grantee with José Noriega of Rancho Las Positas. The Indians were troublesome, but he remained on his land and became very wealthy.

After the American occupation his residence became known as Livermore's and is so marked on the maps of the 1850's. The town came into existence in 1864 and was named Laddville for Alphonso S. Ladd, who erected the first building. In 1869, the post office was established and it was named Nottingham after Livermore's home town.

In 1869, also, William H. Mendenhall, a member of the Bear Flag party, platted the townsite and renamed it Livermore in memory of the pioneer.

Long before the gold rush, the settlement of Livermore was an important station on the route between San Jose, Monterey and Sutter's Fort.

OJAI

The name Ojai is a Chumash Indian place name meaning "moon." A rancheria de Ojai is shown on a diseño of El Rincon about 1834. On April 6, 1837, it was applied to a land grant, spelled Ojay and Ojai. In 1874, R. G. Surdam laid out the town and named it for Charles Nordhoff, a writer, who visited the valley in 1872 and published an enthusiastic account of it. In 1916 the town was renamed Ojai after the valley.

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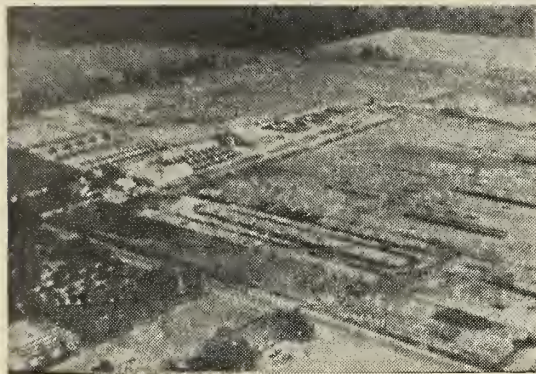
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SCHOOL DAYS

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poses the directors of the water company were the city council. Shortly thereafter a local judicial district was created and Kuelp was chosen a justice of the peace. From this office he received small fees which augmented his salary as a teacher.

However, Kuelp's new position did not improve study conditions at the school for he was compelled to hold court in the class room. Moreover, the directors of the water company also had their meetings during school hours in the presence of the pupils. As someone once commented, their deliberations were not conducted in whispers!

Kuelp struggled on until 1869 when his health failed and he had to give up teaching in the middle of the term. He was succeeded by Charles van Gulpen, a native of Holland. Van Gulpen was an accomplished musician and conducted private classes in music, but he had no liking for the routine of school work. He quit at the end of the year and entered the saloon business, a much more profitable venture.

The school board, consisting of Dr. William M. Higgins, Hermann Werder and John P. Zeyn, was now confronted with the difficult task of finding another teacher. Higgins made a trip to Los Angeles to consult the county superintendent of schools. He was delighted to learn that James M. Guinn had written from New York, stating that he intended to be in Los Angeles in the fall of 1869, and inquiring about a possible teaching position.

James M. Guinn

Higgins and his associates were delighted. Through a personal interview with the thirty-five year old teacher they found him to possess extraordinary qualifications. He had received his college preparatory work at the Antioch College at the time that Horance Mann was president of the institution. Later he had been graduated with honors from Oberlin College. He came to Los Angeles with only ten dollars and immediately accepted the Anaheim teaching job.

When he arrived at the colony he found much the same situation that had confronted Kuelp ten years before: a musty, adobe building with a few sticks of rickety furniture.

Guinn was full of enthusiasm. He began by introducing a remarkable innovation. He classified the pupils into grades! This was indeed progress which delighted the school board. Before the close of 1869, Jennie Swift was hired to take charge of the newly formed primary department. As the school district was short of funds, most of Miss Swift's salary was paid through private subscription.

Everyone agreed with the new school master that an adequate school house should be built. How were the funds to be raised? Guinn found the way. He suggested that an election be called providing for levying sufficient tax to raise two thousand dollars. In 1870 such an election was held and the tax was voted. A lot on First South Street, now Chestnut Street, was purchased from John P. Zeyn for one hundred dollars. There a substantial building was erected. Guinn drew the plans, Langenberger procured the materials and Higgins' father-in-law built the school.

Anaheim was justly proud of the two-room building with its modern equipment. Children stared bug-eyed at their new desks, each with a groove to place a pencil in, and each with a place for books. Wonder of wonders, the seats "went up and down."

The number of pupils increased rapidly. From the original twenty in 1869 the enrollment bounded to 91 in a year's time, Miss Swift handling forty-eight pupils and Guinn, forty-three. By 1871 Guinn was receiving a salary of \$90 a month and Miss Swift, \$60.

Increased Enrollment

As the school enrollment continued to grow an addition was built to the school to house the primary children. Still there were only two teachers. Miss Swift resigned and her place was taken by Miss D. C. Marquis who later married Guinn.

That everybody was well satisfied with the work of the school was attested by the election of April 27, 1872, when Dr. Higgins was chosen to succeed himself. The Anaheim Gazette was furious at the lack of interest in voting which it deemed a mark of ingratitude toward the unselfish labors of Dr. Higgins. It declared, "The election of School Trustee on Saturday, 27 ult. resulted in the unanimous re-election of the present worthy incumbent, Dr.



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W. M. Higgins. Only eleven voters turned out, which is a pretty fair sample of the interest manifested by the public in school elections. An occasion which promises neither whiskey nor cigars is not likely to enlist enthusiasm of the average American voter."

By 1873 it was necessary to divide the school into three groups known as the primary, intermediate and grammar departments. As there was not sufficient room in the school to accommodate the pupils, the school board rented a store room from the Anaheim Masonic Lodge whose temple was then on south Los Angeles Street. Miss Ada Des Granges was assigned to the primary department while Miss Marquis was put in charge of the intermediates.

As the years passed, Guinn continued to battle the school housing problem. In the February 26, 1876 issue of the Anaheim Gazette he inserted a notice urging attendance at a public meeting to consider the erection of a new building. In order to jog the memories of an apathetic citizenry he arranged to have the local fire bell rung on the night of the meeting.

Three months later the local newspaper published another letter in which the indefatigable teacher not only called attention to cramped conditions at the school, but also declared that, "The yard in the rear of the building is so small that the children are compelled to play in the street, at the imminent risk of life and limb from run-away teams and racing mustangs," (the traffic hazard of those days!)

As a result of his efforts a special tax of \$3,000 was levied and out of this fund was purchased a two acre lot at the present site of the George Washington School.

Bond Issue

No satisfactory method was devised to raise the necessary money to build a school until Guinn came forth with an astounding idea. Have a bond issue! But how? There was no law authorizing such a thing.

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Simple enough, make a law! And such a law was made!

Guinn is credited with writing it. The Legislature passed it in the Spring of 1878, it becoming a law on March twelfth.

By this law there was built in Anaheim the first school house ever erected in California with the proceeds of a bond issue. One of the most remarkable features of this law was that the residents of the school district had no direct voice in the issuance of the bonds. The law simply provided that the school trustees were authorized to issue \$10,000 worth of bonds, payable on July 1, 1893, bearing interest at the rate of ten percent per year. The bonds were sold at par, payment for them being made half in gold and half in silver.

G. F. Leonard of Los Angeles was awarded the contract to erect the structure for \$9,100. To insure the construction of a building strictly in accordance with specifications, the school board hired Anaheim's pioneer builder, Christopher Stappenbeck, for a \$150 fee to serve as its inspector. The new school house was of frame construction, two stories high, and measured sixty-two feet by seventy-two feet. For the sum of \$125.75, Joseph Bennerscheidt drilled a well near the new building.

The school children of Anaheim were now housed in a building of which they were very proud. The pioneering days were over.

CHINAMAN'S CHANCE

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Despite such oratorical fireworks the Legislature settled on a law requiring all aliens to pay three dollars a month for the privilege to mine. Such a modest head tax in no way

discouraged Oriental immigration and between January and August of 1852, over eighteen thousand Chinese entered California through the port of San Francisco.

Mass Meeting

The first great anti-Chinese mass meeting was held at Columbia on May 8, 1852. A resolution was adopted declaring it to be "the duty of the miners to take the matter in their own hands . . . to erect such barriers as shall be sufficient to check this Asiatic inundation that threatens to roll over the state." They protested against the importation of these "burlesques on humanity . . . long-tailed, horned and cloven-hoofed inhabitants of the infernal regions" and resolved that no "Asiatic or South Sea Islander be permitted to mine in this district for himself or for others."

The miners of the Marysville mining district followed suit and adopted a resolution providing that "no Chinaman shall hence forth be allowed on any mining claim in the neighborhood."

In the camps where Chinese were ordered expelled, their exodus was generally peaceful as they adopted a philosophy of non-resistance.

The Supreme Court Speaks

A decision of the California Supreme Court frankly reflected the attitude of the average white man in California at that time. In 1854 George W. Hall went on a killing spree in Nevada County and murdered several Orientals. He was forthwith arrested and indicted. Hall had no defense to the charge except that no one saw the crime committed except several Chinese. He was defended by John R. McConnell, a lawyer of great resourcefulness.

McConnell decided that the only way he could clear his client was to prevent the Chinese witnesses from testifying. He called the trial court's attention to a law passed in 1850 which provided that, "No black, or mulatto person, or Indian, shall be allowed to give evidence in favor of, or against a white man." Although there was nothing in the law

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prohibiting Chinese from testifying, McConnell argued that a Chinaman wasn't white and therefore he was black, and if he wasn't black, he certainly was an Indian!

The trial judge was not impressed by McConnell's reasoning and permitted the Chinese to testify. Hall was convicted.

Undaunted, McConnell appealed to the state Supreme Court on the sole issue of the qualification of the Chinese to be witnesses against a white man. Chief Justice Hugh C. Murray rendered the opinion of the court. After much learned discussion on ethnology, Justice Murray decided that black included every race except the Caucasian. Ergo! A Chinaman was black and therefore could not legally testify against Hall.

In reaching this decision the chief justice very frankly expressed the fears of white men in California. He avowed that if such Orientals were permitted to testify that they would soon be voting, performing jury duty, sitting as judges and acting as legislators.

In conclusion he observed, "The anomalous spectacle of a distinct people, living in our community, recognizing no laws of this State except through necessity, bringing with them their prejudices and national feuds, in which they indulge in open violation of law; whose mendacity is proverbial; a race of people whom nature has marked as inferior and who are incapable of progress or intellectual development beyond a certain point, as their history has shown; differing in language, opinions, color, and physical conformation; between whom and ourselves nature has placed an impassable difference, is now presented, and for them is claimed, not only the right to swear away the life of a citizen, but the further privilege of participating with us in the administering the affairs of our Government."

Murray's opinion expressed the majority of the court, the judges splitting two to one. Hall's conviction was reversed and he was re-

manded to Nevada City for a new trial which of course came to naught.

Despite adverse public and private opinion the Chinese persisted in hovering about the fringes of the mining camps. No doubt the chief reason they were tolerated was because they were content to mine "worked out" areas, tailings from white men's mines and places judged worthless. There is little evidence that many Chinese ever made big "strikes." No doubt they kept any news of good fortune to themselves.

There is record of two poor celestials working an abandoned claim at Moore's Flat, in the Yuba River district, and finding a two hundred forty pound gold nugget worth more than thirty thousand dollars. There is also a story of Orientals working on the middle fork of the Feather River who found a forty pound nugget which had been overlooked by white men. To prevent any possible claim by former owners of the diggings, the Chinese chiseled this nugget into small pieces and sold it with other gold dust.

That the Chinese were imposed upon there is no question. An illustration in point is the story of the Oriental who went into a store to buy a pair of boots. Through the sign language he was informed that the price was ten dollars. In response he held up five fingers. The merchant held out his hand for the money and was given five dollars. With a smirk he handed his customer one boot. The Chinese reached for the other and was told in the same language that the price of the other was also five dollars. The celestial pondered a moment. Then, drawing out a knife he slashed his purchased boot to shreds and left the store!

It must not be assumed that all Chinese coming to the mines were honest. There were plenty of examples to the contrary. Over at Hornitos, John M. Corcoran, an able lawyer, once interceded on behalf of a Chinaman who had been accused of stealing some revolvers as well as looting sluice-boxes. Corcoran

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Generally speaking, the relationship between Oriental and white man was a peaceful one because the Chinese practiced a course of non-resistance. However, among themselves they did plenty of quarreling. Their disputes over mining rights led to noisy encounters, but only twice did their arguments really get out of hand. One of these altercations is remembered as the Battle of Five-Cent Gulch. The other was dignified by no particular name, but took place near Chinese Camp.

Battle of Five Cent Gulch

That Battle of Five-Cent Gulch occurred near Weaverville in the summer of 1854. No white man ever learned the cause of the trouble. The first outward sign of hostilities exhibited itself when a group of Cantonese visited John Carr at his blacksmith shop at Weaverville and employed him to forge one hundred spear heads at a dollar and a half apiece.

Shortly afterward several gentlemen from Hong Kong approached Carr and suggested that he "forget" the Cantonese and accept a double order from them. Carr agreed. Thereupon the Cantonese returned with an increased order to be filled upon condition that the Hong Kong job be cancelled. Carr again assented, no doubt easing his conscience with the assumption that American business ethics did not apply to heathen Chinese.

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ability of their shrewd leader, Captain Charley, who boasted a number of influential white men among his friends.

Each faction equipped itself with a varied assortment of weird weapons, some of the type imagined by "Men of Mars" fiction writers. In addition to two-handled swords and fifteen foot pikes there were three-pointed spears and contrivances resembling mammoth corkscrews. The Cantonese obtained a number of giant squirt guns designed to eject streams of nauseous liquid and provided their soldiers with odd-shaped sheet metal helmets.

The battle was scheduled for July fourteenth and on the morning of the encounter the opposing forces were encamped a mile from Weaver-ville. About two thousand white men were on hand to witness the well publicized event. Trinity County sheriff William M. Lowe made a last minute effort to stop the affair, but was hooted down by a crowd of miners who were determined not to be deprived of their fun.

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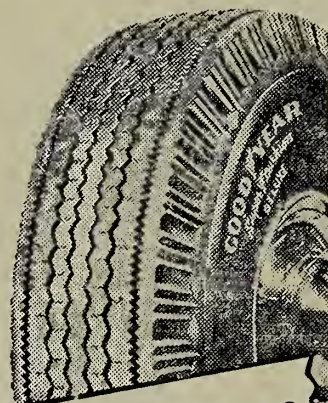
The armies commenced their activities with warming-up exercises in which they marched and counter-marched across the field much in the same manner as modern college bands take turns in performing between halves at present day football games.

Becoming impatient at these stalling tactics the spectators threw rocks at the Orientals in an effort to spur them into fighting. One onlooker fired his pistol at the combatants and was forthwith shot in the head by another bystander for his unsportsmanlike conduct.

By the middle of the afternoon the opposing forces had maneuvered themselves to Five-Cent Gulch. There the leader of the Cantonese divided his tin-hatted troops into three groups. Expertly he placed his forward contingent at the bank of the gulch, its right flank protected by a sharp rise of ground. To the left he ordered a supporting force while he stationed his reserve at the rear. Whether he knew it or not, he had employed excellent military strategy.

Captain Charley had so few men that he had to deploy his entire army along the other bank of the gulch. However, unknown to the enemy he had an important reserve force.

The battle was about to begin and the white men crowded forward eagerly to see every detail. Majestically Captain Charley strode to the front of his troops. Ceremoniously he handed his arms to an aide. With great deliberation he rolled up his wide Chinese pants to his thighs. Resuming his arms he struck his shield with his sword, shouted the order to charge, and rushed forward at the head of his men across the gulch. Dashing up the hill on the other side, queues flying, the Hong Kongs pierced the forward line of the Can-



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tonese who wavered and then ran. The left column of the defenders then attempted to encircle the Hong Kongs, a movement which Captain Charley had anticipated and feared.

But Captain Charley's white friends had not forgotten. Shouting, "Fair fight! Fair fight!" they rushed forward, the crowd moving with them. The left column never had a chance to advance. They dared not attack the whites. The battle was over and Captain Charley's Hong Kongs were declared the victors.

Six Cantonese, two Hong Kongs, and the unsportsmanlike miner lay dead upon the field. The wounded were carried to Weaverville where they were cared for by the village's two physicians. Thus ended the Battle of Five-Cent Gulch.

War at Chinese Camp

In the summer of 1856, two companies of Chinese, the Yan-Wos and the Sam-Yaps, were peacefully mining adjoining claims at Two-Mile Bar on the Stanislaus River, near Knight's Ferry. The Yan-Wos were having considerable trouble with a large boulder which, when finally pried loose, rolled on to the Sam-Yap property. The Sam-Yaps viewed the act as deliberate and not accidental. They were probably right in their conclusion for the Yan-Wos exhibited no disposition to assist in removing the offending rock from their neighbors' land.

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"Your force would have no more effect against us than an egg would against a stone. You want to coax us to come to terms. That we refuse to do. We mean to fight you, and ex-

pel you all from your localities. If you don't stand and fight us, we will consider you no better than so many brutes; and, as such, we will harness you to our own desires. There are plenty of us, well equipped, and ready, at any time, to meet you and fight you, wherever you choose; and will make you run into your holes and hide yourselves. But we need not go to that trouble. We have only to speak and you will become frightened. You won't stand like men; you are perfect worms, or like the dog who sits in the door and barks, but will go no further. If you won't accept this challenge, we tell you, by the way, to go and buy lots of flour, and paint your faces; then go in your houses, shut the doors, and hide yourselves, and we'll kill every man

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Elaborate preparations were made for the fray and both sides solicited reinforcements. The eighteen men originally involved in the quarrel increased to nearly two thousand!

Blacksmiths in the neighborhood were swamped with orders for pikes, swords and other weapons designed by crafty Oriental minds. The Sam-Yaps sent to San Francisco for guns and ammunition. Loading and firing muskets was a mystery to them and they hired white miners as instructors for ten dollars a day and whiskey. A story persists that fourteen of these whites painted themselves yellow, fastened three-foot horsehair queues to their heads, and actually took part in the battle.

As at Weaverville, white men in the area looked forward to attending the fight in the same way that modern football fans anticipate being present at an intersectional game. On the day of the encounter more than five thousand spectators arranged themselves around the battlefield.

The combatants maneuvered about in an attempt to gain some kind of advantage. A well meaning deputy sheriff rode between the two armies in an effort to prevent them coming to blows and for his pains had his horse shot from under him.

Brandishing their weapons, screaming taunts at each other, twisting their faces in fierce grimaces and otherwise exhibiting their disdain, the two factions came to grips. The noise of the conflict was overwhelming. More than one hundred shots were fired. Steel clashed against steel. Then a pause. No one knows what happened but the fighting stopped. Sheriff Stuart and one deputy calmly disarmed the one-day soldiers and the conflict was over.

The casualties were four dead and four wounded. A reporter for the San Francisco Bulletin complained, "It was a very bad battle as so few were killed." However, for the Chinese themselves it was an expensive outing. Large contributions had gone into the war chests of the respective camps. Besides, much time had been lost from work at the mines!

Change

As mining declined in California many Chinese continued to poke about the diggings. They still persisted in using the "rocker" as their chief method of recovering gold from the river gravels. No doubt this primitive equipment was entirely adequate for the modest scale of their operations.

Ultimately the Orientals had to face the fact that much of Nature's

bountiful largess had been removed from the earth. Living with the utmost frugality they found it difficult to subsist. Gradually they left the mines, many becoming farmers, restaurant proprietors, laundrymen and merchants.

The Gold Rush was over and is now but a memory. Yet the ghost of the "heathen Chinese" still lurks about the old deserted mining camps. He is welcome to remain for in life he played a colorful role in a hectic period when men struggled for riches.

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But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.

I love Thee, Lord Jesus Look down from the sky,

And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

DECEMBER

Now the Summer all is over!

We have wandered through the clover,

We have plucked in wood and lea Blue-bell and anemone.

We were children of the Sun,

Very brown to look upon;

We were stained, hands and lips, With the berries' juicy tips.

Now the merry days are over!

Woodland-tenants seek their cover,

And the swallow leaves again For his castle-nests in Spain.

Shut the door, and close the blind:

We shall have the bitter wind,

We shall have the dreary rain Striving, driving at the pane.

Send the ruddy fire-light higher;

Draw your easy chair up nigher;

Through the winter, bleak and chill,

We may have our summer still.

Here are poems we may read—

Pleasant fancies to our need.

Ah, eternal Summer-time, Dwells within the Poet's rhyme!

All the birds' sweet melodies

Linger in these songs of his;

And the blossoms of all ages

Waft their fragrance from his pages.

—Ina D. Coolbrith

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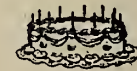
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS CALIFORNIANS



"A Californian is one who was born in California; or else one who was reborn in California."—Ella Sterling Mighels.

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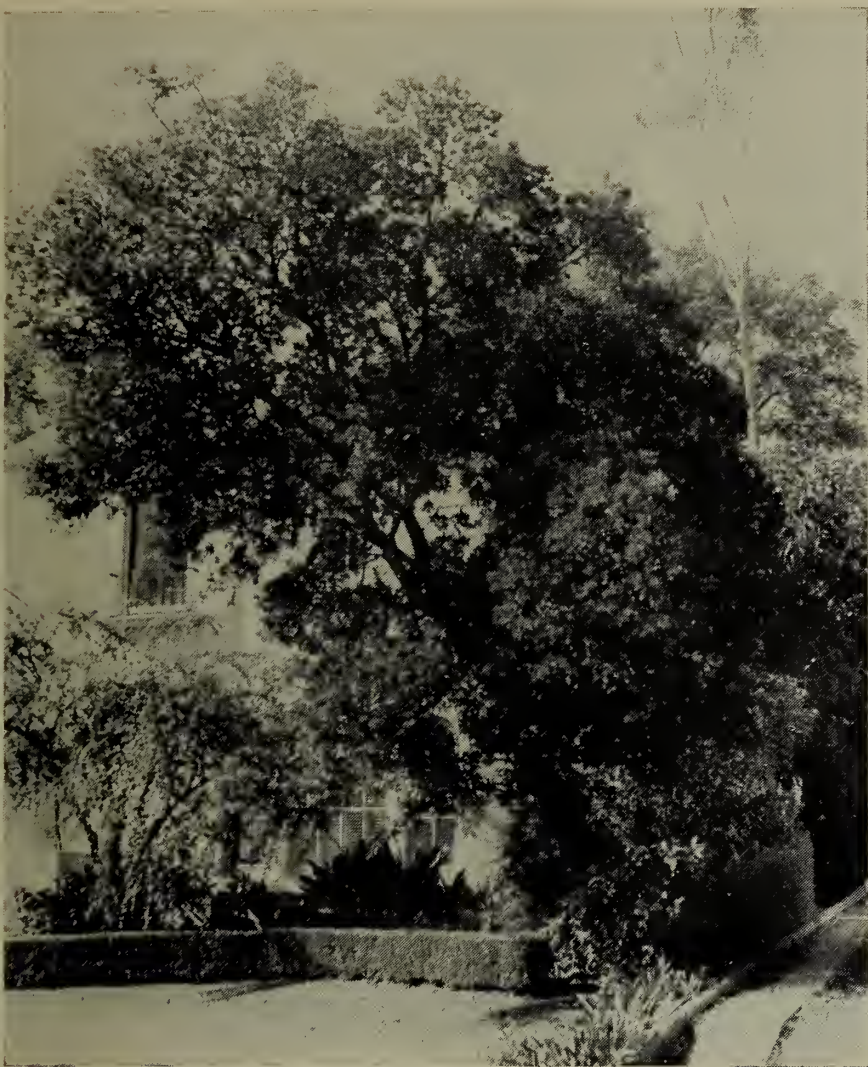
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A LARGE TOYON

ALTHOUGH the golden poppy has been chosen the state flower of California, there is another plant which enjoys equal popularity. That plant is the Toyon or California Holly, with its panicles of creamy white flowers and clusters of red berries.

Long before the white man settled on the Pacific coast, California Indians considered the Toyon as a fruit tree. They gathered its berries, which they roasted by tossing them in a basket of hot pebbles, and then ground them into meal. What is more, some toper among their ancestors taught them how to make an agreeable cider from the berry juice!

It was not until 1792 that any scientist examined the Toyon. In November of that year, George Vancouver entered San Francisco Bay with his sloop, *Discovery*. Among those accompanying him was a Scotch surgeon, Archibald Menzies, who soon went ashore on a botanizing excursion. In his diary he recorded that he found a shrub "plentifully cropped with red berries." Believing that he had found a new species of hawthorn, he took some of its seeds

back to England where he planted them. From these sprouted the plants which he called the **California Maybush**, "may" being the English synonym for hawthorn.

Menzies was mistaken in his classification of the Toyon. No doubt one cause of his error may be attributed to the fact that the plant has a scent similar to that of the hawthorn. Actually, the Toyon is a member of the rose family, and as such has among its California relatives, the wild rose, Catalina ironwood, greasewood, mountain-mahogany, blackberry, raspberry, strawberry, plum, cherry, desert apricot and desert almond!

Like the Giant Sequoia and the Torrey Pine, the Toyon is a "native

son," its habitat extending northward from Lower California to Humboldt County. It grows abundantly throughout the chapparal belt of the mountains from a 4,000 foot elevation almost down to the tide lines where the hills skirt the ocean. In its natural state it grows in no country except the Californias.

The Toyon is a hardy plant that ranges in size from a small shrub to a tree thirty feet tall. It is able to survive on the hot slopes of the foothills and can stand extremes in temperature. However, it thrives best on the islands of the Santa Barbara Channel. No doubt its luxuriant growth in places like Catalina Island is due to richness of soil as well as an abundance of moisture-laden air.

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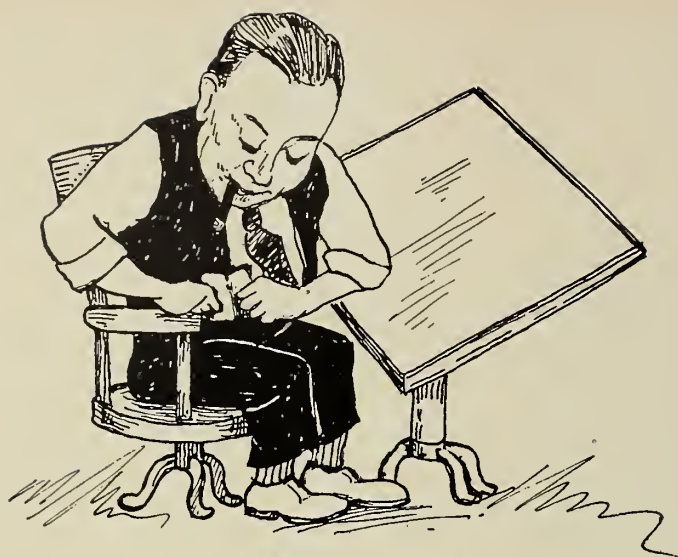
How did the Toyon receive its name? The early Spanish settlers of California named it the **Tollon Berry** (Spanish for **gorge berry**) because the plant was frequently found in **tollons** (narrow passages or gorges.) The botany of the United States Geological Survey still retains the name of **Tollon**. Apparently the present spelling came about through a mistake. The Spanish-California pronunciation of the letters "ll" is "y" (as in La Jolla.) No doubt some person hearing the word pronounced, spelled it **Toyon** according to English rules of orthography. This is further borne out by the fact that the word is also spelled **toyon**.

The older scientific name of the plant is **Photinia arbutifolia**. **Photinia** is from the Greek **photeinos**, meaning "shining" and refers to the character of the foliage of the plant. **Arbutifolia** means that the leaves, **folia**, are like those of the *Arbutus* family.

Another scientific name of the Toyon is **Heteromeles arbutifolia**. **Heteromeles** is Greek, meaning "different apple" and alludes to the fact that the berries are different from the ordinary apple which is also a member of the rose family.

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McManus at Work

King of the Cartoonists

George McManus
created Jiggs a cosmopolitan

type. As a Mexican, Jiggs ate Enchiladas and Tamales; as a Chinaman, Chop Suey and Rice; as an American, Corned Beef and Cabbage

ALTHOUGH George McManus was destined to become a great cartoonist, he embarked on his career a little earlier than he had planned. It was during his sophomore year in high school that his English teacher, Miss Brown, caught him drawing a funny picture during class.

Years later McManus recalled, "I expected a whale of a licking from the schoolma'am, but apparently she felt that my dad could give me a sounder thrashing. So Miss Brown sent the bit of art to my father together with several other drawings she found stuck away in a corner of my desk.

"Dad was very quiet during supper, and I fancied the strap would get its workout. Just before bedtime he held out the sketches and asked, 'Is this your work, George?'

"I admitted it, and without another word, dad went out of the house. The next morning he told me to put on my hat and coat and accompany him to the **St. Louis Republic**. He showed the drawing to the art editor and I was given the important job of sweeping out the art department at night and running errands during the day. That was in 1899."

Young McManus was paid five dollars a week for his labors and at

the end of a year received a dollar raise. In the meantime he improved himself at art school and in due time became the newspaper's fashion artist.

As his talent developed he was asked to draw cartoons and he invented a comic strip called **Alma and Oliver**. Years later he called these early efforts a "terrible mess," although the fact was that he steadily improved in technique.

Moreover, he was blessed with an abundance of that thing called the "luck of the Irish."

One day when he was having his shoes shined, the bootblack offered him a tip on a horse race. "Bet on Hamburg Belle," he was urged. McManus checked on the mare and found that the odds were 30 to 1 against her. Nevertheless he bet one hundred dollars on her to win. She won.

On the following day he quit his job and went to New York. There, twenty-one year old George was surprised to learn that the newspapers were not clamoring for his services. For several months he hunted for a job. Ultimately, on the same day, he was offered two positions!

He accepted employment with the **New York World** at a lesser wage than that offered by the other paper. However, the **World** also owned a

newspaper in St. Louis and whatever he would draw would be published in both periodicals.

McManus tried out several comic strips. **Panhandle Pete** and **Let George Do It** met with some success. However, it was with **The Newlyweds** that he finally "clicked."

During the Hearst-Pulitzer war, in 1912, he was snatched by the Hearst organization and commenced drawing comics for the **New York American**.

Their Only Child was his first strip for his new employer. However, McManus had not yet hit his stride. He continued to search for a better idea. For many years he had toyed with the idea of using the theme of a play called "The Rising Generation" which he had seen as a boy in his father's theatre. This comedy depicted the experiences of a laborer's family which suddenly became wealthy.

With this thought germ, "**Bringing Up Father** was evolved, the story of Jiggs' resistance to the social climbing ambitions of Maggie. It was on August 3, 1913, that this new strip made its modest debut.

In the meantime, **Rosie's Beau** was more popular. It enjoyed a prominent place in the Sunday "funnies" while **Bringing Up Father** was still a

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COMMODORE Thomas Ap Catesby Jones wouldn't have made such an awful mistake if he had had a radio. But he didn't have one. Neither did anybody else for the time was 1842!

Diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico were very strained. Not only did the republic below the Rio Grande resent the loss of Texas, but certain politicians to the north had invented a doctrine called "Manifest Destiny" by which they claimed that the United States had some kind of a natural right to grab California.

Moreover, Mexico had other troubles. Having borrowed large sums of money from England that she was unable to repay, it was delicately suggested to her that she turn over California in settlement. France looked on with a greedy eye and intimated that if Mexico had any possessions in the Pacific that she was likely to lose, that it would be better that they be ceded to the French than be lost to the Anglo-Saxons.

Such was the situation when Commodore Jones took charge of the United States naval forces in the Pacific. There is no record of what oral instructions he may have received, but his written orders admonished him that, "The unsettled state of the nations bordering the coast included within your command renders it necessary to protect the interests of the United States in that quarter—therefore be vigilant and keep moving."

Suspicious

Upon his arrival at Callao, Peru, Jones was informed that a formidable French fleet had recently left Valparaiso for an unannounced destination which he naturally concluded to be California. Following orders he cruised along the coast and upon his return to Callao in September, he learned that British Rear-Admiral Thomas had sailed suddenly, under sealed orders, with three men-of-war. At the same time Jones was given a letter from John Parrott, United States Consul at Mazatlan, warning him that war with Mexico was imminent. Included in the mail was an old Boston newspaper publishing a rumor that Mexico had ceded California to England for \$7,000,000.

Commodore Jones had to make a decision. On September seventh he put to sea with the frigate **United**

States and the sloops **Cyane** and **Dale**. On the following day he held a conference with the commanders of his vessels and all concluded that the United States and Mexico were at war and that the British admiral had left Callao for the express purpose of occupying California. The **Dale** was ordered to Panama to send dispatches and get the latest news. The other ships proceeded northward.

Arrival at Monterey

Jones approached Monterey on October eighteenth. Expecting action he ordered that, "During the battle and strife every man must do his utmost to take and destroy; but when the flag is struck, all hostility must cease, and you must even become the protectors of all, and not the oppressors of any." The commodore was acting in the finest tradition of the United States Navy.

On the following morning the **United States** and **Cyane** rounded Port Pinos, their officers and men fully expecting to be greeted, in one

manner or another, by the British. Much to their surprise, the only warship in the harbor was a small Mexican sloop which Jones took possession of. Cautiously the American ships moved toward the **castillo** guarding the city, coming as close as the depth of the water would permit.

Jones hailed the American merchantman, **Fama**, which rode at anchor in the bay. In response, one of its officers came aboard and stated that reports of war were current at Honolulu. This news, coupled with the circumstance that the defenders of Monterey exhibited considerable delay in making any kind of a response, convinced Jones that all was not well. Ultimately, two Mexican officers approached in a skiff. While they denied any knowledge of hostilities, their demeanor was nervous and reserved. Activities about the fort looked like preparations for defense. There was another suspicious circumstance: no American residents of the city came out to greet the United States vessels.

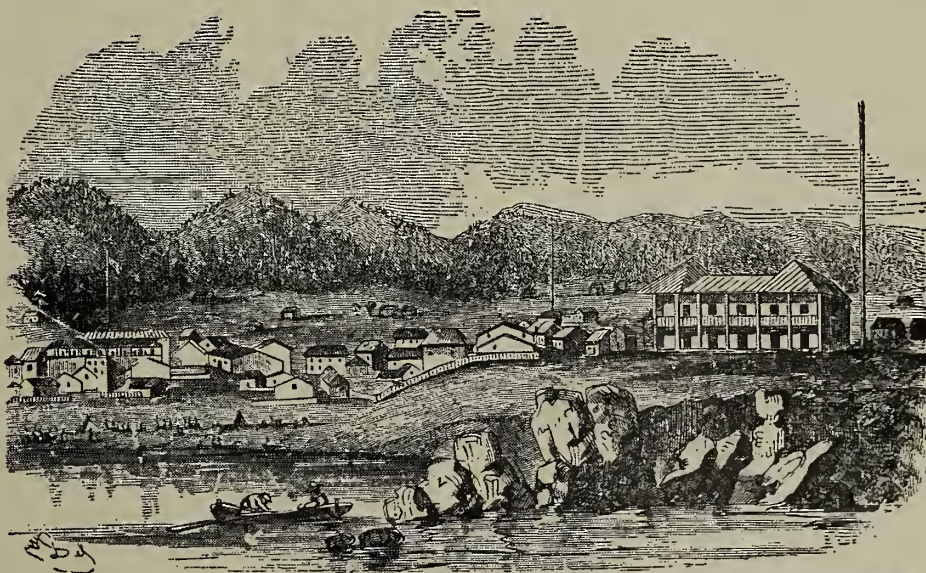
Jones' Dilemma

Commodore Jones was in a dilemma. He had no direct orders to attack. What if the United States and Mexico were at war? What if Admiral Thomas was coming to take possession on behalf of England? He must make a decision. He did, and that decision was to capture the city.

Writing to the Secretary of the Navy, Jones declared, "If I am right

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CAPTURED BY MISTAKE



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—Shakespeare

"California-Spanish Proverbs," a collection of proverbs gleaned from the lips of early Californians by Mildred Yorba MacArthur, typifies the verse above, expressing the thought of one of the greatest thinkers and writers of many a decade—William Shakespeare.

Mildred Yorba MacArthur, author of this fabulous, colorful and highly entertaining collection of California Spanish proverbs, portrays just such a life as did Shakespeare in the opening quotation. Relatives and friends and many a traveler stopping at "Rancho Los Piños," the ancestral home of the author, found the true essence of early Southern California in the home nestled among the old sycamores on the hills of lovely Placentia.

The tempo of life in those days was far removed from today's hectic pace. Happiness was found in the beauty of trees, joy of living in the surrounding hills and serenity in the songs of the birds. The minds and hearts which originated the proverbs had the rare qualities of fortitude and judgment, resulting in proverbs of much sound advice, others replete with wisdom, cloaked in gayety and chuckling sentiment.

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el que no quiere oír. (No one is more deaf than he who does not wish to hear.) *Dios paga deudas sin dinero* (God pays debts without money.)

Or the refreshing thoughtfulness of: *La pluma es lengua del pensamiento* (The pen is the tongue of the mind.) *Dime con quien andas y te diré quient eres* (Tell me who your friends are and I'll tell you who you are.) *Caras vemos, corazones no sabemos* (Their faces we see, their hearts we don't know.)

This collection of rare proverbs has been published by the Colt Press of San Francisco. The hand made paper from Holland was carefully guarded during the year by the printers, the Grabhorn Press, for just such a book. The type is handset, the first use in book form of F. W. Goudy's latest design, "Goudy Thirty."

The Spanish Proverbs are printed in red, the English translation in black; the pages are numbered in red, the proverbs in black. The book is bound in beautiful red, gold and black. The first edition is limited to 450 copies, and is already classified as a collector's item. If you wish something colorful for your bookshelf and refreshing and stimulating for your daily living do not fail to own a copy of CALIFORNIA-SPANISH PROVERBS.

As for the author, Mildred Yorba MacArthur, her daily living is typified by the gay and brave proverbs: *Cria fama y héchate a dormir* (Work hard, then rest on your laurels.) *Cuando un amigo pide, no hay mañana* (When a friend asks, there is no tomorrow.)

In ending this very beautifully compiled book, with its great wealth of age-old proverbs, Mildred Yorba MacArthur has used the typical Spanish proverb: *Salud y pesetas y tiempo para gastarlas* (Health and wealth and time to enjoy them.)

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California Place Names



MARYSVILLE

At a town meeting on January 18, 1850, the present county seat of Yuba County was named **Marysville** in honor of Mary Covillaud, the only woman resident of the village.

Mrs. Covillaud, whose maiden name was Mary Murphy, was a survivor of the Donner party. Her husband Charles had laid out the town in 1849, giving it the name of Yubaville which proved unpopular with the residents.

SALTON SEA

Salton Sea, which covers portions of Imperial and Riverside Counties, was first called **Lake Cahuilla** for the Indians of that region. This name, which was used by geologists, has never become current. The ancient lake was discovered by William Blake in 1853.

Once the Gulf of California extended far northward into the Colorado Desert. Later the Colorado River built up a sort of dike at its delta. This cut off the water and made the upper gulf into an inland sea. Having no outlet its water is high in salt content. The New Liverpool Salt Company worked the basin from 1884 until 1904 when flood waters submerged the plant.

The name, **Salton**, was evidently coined from "salt."

LEUCADIA

Leucadia, in San Diego County, was established in 1885 by a group of English colonists. Its Greek name is borrowed from one of the Ionian Islands. The streets in this town also have Greek names such as Hygeia Street, Athena Street, etc.

BAKERSFIELD

About 1863, Colonel Thomas Baker acquired a large acreage in Kern County. He enclosed a field which was used as a corral. This became known as **Baker's field**.

In 1868 when the town was founded it became **Bakersfield**. Colonel Baker, a civil and hydraulic engineer, was a prominent early pioneer. He served in the California Assembly in 1855 and as a State Senator from 1861 to 1862. He was active in the development of the southern San Joaquin Valley.

BOOK REVIEW



A BOOK FOR CHILDREN

Cinderella, retold by Evelyn Andreas. Illustrated by Ruth Ives. Grossett and Dunlap Inc. Big Treasure Book \$1.00; Tiny Treasure Edition 25c.

This beloved story for the younger generation is retold this time by Evelyn Andreas in a charming manner. The print is excellent and easy to read.

The illustrations are done by Ruth Ives, nationally known artist. The subject lends itself in a delightful manner to the distinctive technique of the artist. The pictures possess an unfathomable quality of fairylike daintiness and charm of interpretation. Miss Ives has used pastel colors accented by definite tones of gold and magenta in recreating the magic of the court of Louis XIV, with its velvet, laces, coaches and castles. The full page and three-quarter page illustrations used throughout the book have a magic that intrigues the youthful reader and adult as well.

Miss Ives, Mrs. Stanley O. Kaufman in private life, graduated from Chouinard School of Art after which she spent eight years in New York City in the art field. Her work has appeared in *Vogue*, *House Beautiful*, *Pictorial Review* and other periodicals. She and her family now make their home in Anaheim, California.

SANTA ANA

When William H. Spurgeon laid out a new town in October, 1869, in what is now Orange County, it was suggested that he name it for himself. He declined the honor and named it **Santa Ana** after the great Rancho **Santiago de Santa Ana** upon which it stood and which lay in the Santa Ana Valley on the easterly side of the Santa Ana River.

SAN CLEMENTE

San Clemente was developed in 1925 by the colorful Ole Hanson, former mayor of Seattle. It was named after the island of San Clemente which lies about sixty miles offshore.

LONG BEACH

Long Beach is a perfect descriptive designation for here the beach is indeed both long and wide. The town was first known as **Willmore City** in honor of its founder, W. E. Willmore, who in 1880 partially colonized it with emigrants from Kansas City.

In 1887, the Long Beach Land and Water Company took over, gave the community its present name and its impetus toward sound growth.

MOUNT WHITNEY

Mount Whitney, the tallest peak in the United States, situated in Sequoia National Park, was named for Josiah Dwight Whitney, who served as chief of the State Geological Survey from 1860 to 1874.

Whitney had refused to permit his associates to name Mount Hamilton in his honor. However, when in July, 1864, his assistants saw what they determined to be the greatest mountain of the Sierra range, by right of discovery they named the peak after their beloved chief.

MOUNT HELIX

Mount Helix, is in San Diego County. The trail which winds around it to the summit of the cone shaped mountain suggests the name which is Latin for "spiral." It was given this name by Captain Rufus K. Porter. A boom town, which failed to survive, also bore the name.

DELANO

Delano, in Kern County, was named in 1873 in honor of Columbus Delano, Secretary of the Interior in the cabinet of President U. S. Grant.

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His bookkeeping system was his own invention and completely unintelligible to anybody except himself. By a system of picture writing he kept an accurate record of each customer's account. For instance, there was George Streeter who lived with his squaw in a cabin beneath a pine tree. Nervi drew a rude illustration of a pine at the head of Streeter's account which served to satisfactorily identify him.

Merchandise was described in the same picture writing. If a man bought an ax, Nervi simply scrawled his conception of an ax. A circle indicated a cheese, while a circle with in a circle represented a gold-pan. Very simple—to Nervi.

However, mistakes can happen to anybody and Nervi was no exception. One day two of his good customers, Horatio Cross and Sylvanus Pitts came in to pay their bill. Nervi thumbed through the pages of his ledger until he came to an account headed by a cross. Among the items listed was a cheese.

Pitts protested. "We didn't get no cheese. We don't eat cheese."

"But," remonstrated Nervi, "Looka, looka in da booka. See, you buy da cheese," pointing to a circle.

"Makes no difference," replied Pitts, "You've made a mistake, Nervi. We're willing to pay for everything we got but we didn't get no cheese. We don't like cheese."

Nervi beckoned imploringly to Cross, "You looka in da booka. See, you buy da cheese."

Cross looked and remembered.

"Say, Syl," he exclaimed, looking at Pitts, "We didn't get no cheese, but we did get a grindstone. I'll bet that's what that circle is for that he thinks is a cheese."

"Sure," agreed the partner, "That's what we got."

"Santa Maria," cried Nervi, "I forgetta to put inna da hole."

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"I concluded . . . to amputate the arm, which I did this morning; made a good and quick operation. My tools consisted of a basin, jack knife, a small hack saw, a pair of pliers for forceps and a needle. I amputated the arm and did it up in a very few seconds over one minute. He stood the operation beyond all calculations; he did not groan or make the least noise during the operation.

"The company immediately contributed 15 dollars for the benefit of the subscriber. Ten dollars I put in my pocket; the balance I gave to the patient. His appearance this evening is very flattering. I think there is quite a chance for him to recover, though there are many things and chances against him."

On the following day, Dr. Wixom wrote, "My patient this morning a very flattering prospect; to the surprise of all the company he got up and ate quite a hearty breakfast; we loaded him in a wagon and moved down the river 18 miles . . . The man stood his ride well and is much encouraged . . ."

Dr. Wixom became a well known physician in both California and Nevada. He was the father of the famous singer, Emma Nevada.

DR. RICHARD O. LANCE

Dr. Richard O. Lance, 86, who served as physician and advisor to Mexican presidents from 1896 to 1923, passed away at his Reseda home on October fifteenth.

A native of Pennsylvania, Dr. Lance studied medicine under Dr. Bedoe, physician to Queen Victoria. After his return to the United States he came west and took courses at the University of California. In 1896 he went to Mexico where he lived the greater part of his life.

Dr. Lance was the first American surgeon in Mexico and became famous when he removed a bullet from a wounded colonel. He served the government through many administrations and acted as an advisor on matters pertaining to the United States.

At one time he owned about one and one-half million acres of land in Mexico all of which was confiscated by a revolutionary government.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

The first "American" school in California opened in December, 1846, in an old building of the Santa Clara Mission. The dilapidated structure had been previously used as a stable. It was heated by a fire on a stone platform in the center of the room, the smoke escaping through a hole in the roof! Twenty-five pupils attended this school. Mrs. Olive Mann Isbell was their teacher.

CAL. TECH'S MANY NAMES

The California Institute of Technology has been known by several different names during its successful career. Founded at Pasadena in 1891 by Amos G. Throop, it was originally called Throop University. Next it became known as Throop Polytechnic Institute; then Throop College of Technology; then California Polytechnic Institute; finally, its present name.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

The first mission to be established in California was founded by Fray Junipero Serra, at Old Town, San Diego, on July 16, 1769. It was called *San Diego de Alcala*.

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CHARLES P. SKOURAS

Charles P. Skouras, president of National Theaters, Inc. and its subsidiary, Fox West Coast Theaters, passed away on October twenty-second at the Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Los Angeles.

He was born in Skourohorian, Greece, on January 25, 1889, and came to this country as a penniless immigrant boy of nineteen. He obtained his first job in a restaurant for which he was paid fifty cents a day and meals. Later he moved to St.

Louis where he became a waiter and bartender.

Skouras persuaded his brothers, Spyros and George to come to America and the three purchased an eight hundred seat nickelodeon in St. Louis. In later years Charles recalled fondly the memories of this venture. He said, "We operated that grimy little house ourselves, and we did everything from selling tickets to sweeping out the place in between turns at running the projection machine."

With this modest beginning the Skouras brothers commenced their fabulous careers in the motion-picture industry. Spyros is now president of the 20th Century-Fox Film Corp. while George is president of United Artists Theaters.

After purchasing several local theaters the ambitious young men constructed the multimillion dollar Ambassador Theater and office building in downtown St. Louis, the first theater in that area devoted exclusively to showing motion pictures.

The brothers lost their fortunes in the 1929 crash and started over again by contracting to manage forty-seven bankrupt Fox Metropolitan theaters in New York. In a short time they were operating 450 theaters throughout the nation!

Charles P. Skouras was very interested in civic affairs. Probably the greatest monument to his memory is the beautiful \$2,000,000 Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Los Angeles to which he was the greatest contributor. He was buried in a mausoleum on its grounds.

SALES TAX ACT

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Orders piled in and Johnnie saved his money. However, he was unhappy. If he couldn't mine gold, he wanted to build wagons, not wheelbarrows. In 1858 he returned to South Bend where he established his great factory for constructing vehicles, many of which came to California.

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Back in the 'Fifties, David G. Robinson fell into a hole in the sidewalk in front of the place of business of Pioche, Bayerque & Co. in San Francisco.

The injured man brought suit for damages in the local court. The trial judge instructed the jury that, "If at the time of the accident the plaintiff was intoxicated from the use of ardent spirits, and that was one of the causes which caused the accident, the plaintiff cannot recover."

Robinson lost his case and appealed to the Supreme Court. The upper tribunal reversed the case, Justice Solomon Heydenfeldt, in his customary concise manner, stating, "If the defendants were at fault in leaving an uncovered hole in the sidewalk of a public street, the intoxication of the plaintiff cannot excuse such gross negligence. A drunken man is as much entitled to a safe street, as a sober one, and much more in need of it."

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"The wheels go round without a sound,
The maidens hold high revel;
In sinful mood, insanely gay,
True spinsters spinning down the way,
From goodness to the devil.

They laugh, they sing, and ting-a-ling,
Their bells go all the morning;
And lanterns bright bestar the night,
The 'caterpillars' warning!

With lifted hands Miss Charlotte stands,
Good-Lording and Oh-mying
(Her rheumatism forgotten quite,
Her fat with anger frying).

She blocks the path that leads to wrath,
Jack Satan's power defying.
The wheels go round without a sound,
The stars are red and blue and green.
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"daily." However, in the early twenties, Maggie and Jiggs dominated the stage in both Sunday and daily papers and Rosie's Beau gradually bowed out, to be replaced in 1945 by Snookums.

Bringing Up Father was the first of the "man and wife" strips. However, it should be pointed out that Maggie and Jiggs are not typical of these strips which tend to portray the lives of families with modest working incomes. As Coulton Waugh has so aptly pointed out, Jiggs is a "simple little man, lost in the emptiness of wealth," while in Maggie, McManus "rolls all ambi-

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PRICES AT PANAMINT

The library at UCLA has recently acquired the account book kept by the manager of the Surprise Valley Mining Company's general store at Panamint City in Death Valley.

The ledger covers a period of four months in 1874. The high prices reflected in the book are attributed to the fact that supplies had to be hauled 275 miles from San Pedro to the store.

Here is what the customer paid for some staple items: catsup, a dollar a bottle; soap, twenty-five cents a bar; one hundred pound sack of flour, ten dollars; coffee, one dollar a tin; tobacco, one dollar a packet.

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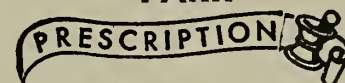
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CHRISTMAS GIFT

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A Bee Plant

Aside from the fact that the Toyon is commercially valuable because great quantities of its berry loaded branches are sold to the Christmas trade, it is economically important for another reason. The spicy fragrance of its blossoms are particularly attractive to the honey bee. Apiarists consider honey from the Toyon of a specially desirable quality.

There was another use for the plant years ago. Fishermen of Catalina Island used its bark for tanning their sails and nets.

Protection of the Plant

In the early part of the present century lovers of nature became alarmed over the ruthless destruction of the Toyon and other native plants. Luther Burbank wrote, "Twenty-five years ago great stretches of the bay shore were lighted up for months with the brilliant scarlet of the Toyon or 'Christmas Berries' and now the hillsides of Sonoma County are being robbed of all these. Automobile, trailer and truck loads of these

and Christmas trees and other wild greenery pass on the State highway at this season, mostly for commercial purposes, and while dwellers in the city deserve and should have a taste of wild nature, yet the wholesale destruction of the most shapely and graceful trees will be sadly lamented, not only in the ravaged countryside, but by city dwellers, also. It is time to think of saving some of our most beautiful trees, shrubs and flowering plants from extermination."

A determined campaign was inaugurated by the California Wildflower Conservation League to secure the enactment of a law to prevent the wanton destruction of native flowers and shrubs. Support came from many directions. The Audobon Association of the Pacific was particularly helpful as its members recognized that the Toyon berry was an important food item of many birds, particularly the band-tailed pigeon, western robin and hermit thrush. Newspapers lent a helping hand.

In 1921 the State Legislature added a provision to the Penal Code giving

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The Toyon is widely known as California Holly, although it is not a member of the holly family. For many years the story persisted that the city of Hollywood derived its name from the Toyon growing on the nearby hills. Most historians have discredited this theory, but actually there is nothing to prove it untrue.

Because the Toyon is so closely associated with Christmastide in California these words by Allan Cunningham seem particularly appropriate:

"There is a lesson in each flower,
A story for each stream and bower;
In every herb on which you tread,
Are written words, which rightly
read
Will lead you from earth's fragrant
sod,
To hope, and holiness, and God."

"The man who gives in when he is wrong," said the street orator, "is a wise man; but he who gives in when he is right is—"

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McMANUS

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tious, driving, aggressive women into one."

For more than forty-one years, **Bringing Up Father** has warmed the hearts of the American public. What is more, it not only appears in 750 newspapers throughout the world, but is read in twenty-seven different languages! In China, Jiggs is a rice eater. In Mexico he enjoys tamales. Interestingly enough, **Bringing Up Father** is not printed in any Irish newspapers.

On the twenty-fifth anniversary of the birth of this great comic strip, McManus was given a Congressional dinner at Washington attended by Supreme Court justices, congressmen, senators, cabinet members and other persons of importance.

It was about this time that McManus made a trip to St. Louis where he visited his old English teacher, Miss Brown. She was delighted to see her former pupil and the two had a fine visit. Suddenly the little lady inquired, "What are you doing now, George?"

McManus became wealthy through cartooning. In addition to receiving a very high salary, he enjoyed large royalties from "Maggie and Jiggs" plays of which seven have toured the country during the past eleven years. Radio programs have been based on the strip and McManus has appeared in four movies starring his favorite characters.

Fellow artists have always regarded McManus as a careful worker and a good draftsman. His pictures are easy to look at and quietly funny. His characters are carefully drawn and there are no "dead-pan" among them.

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Doubtfully, the young mother examined the toy. "Isn't this rather complicated for a small child?" she asked.

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Cigar smoking, dapper dressed George McManus will long be remembered. He was as Irish as Jiggs and loved his fellow man in the same way as Jiggs loved the gang at Dinty Moore's. As a final salute to a great man, we publish his own recipe for Jigg's favorite food, **corned beef and cabbage**: "Soak a brisket of beef in water overnight to remove the sharpness of the salt and to soften the meat. Boil the corned beef over a slow fire for about two-and-a-half hours. Do not season as the meat is sufficiently salty. After the meat has boiled for an hour, add a head of cabbage, a few medium-sized carrots, some potatoes and an onion. At the same time add one whole clove, a few bay leaves, and several pepper seeds. Cook for another hour-and-a-half—then serve."

CAPTURED

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(of which there can be little doubt) in assigning to Mexico the attitude of a nation having declared conditional war, then, under all the circumstances of the case, Mexico is the aggressor, and as such is responsible for all evils and consequences . . . But I may be wrong, in all my deductions and conclusions.

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Demand for Surrender

At four o'clock in the afternoon Captain James Armstron went ashore under a flag of truce and demanded surrender to the United States "to avoid the sacrifice of human life and the horrors of war," that would result if defense were made. The local authorities were given until nine o'clock on the following morning to make their decision.

Juan B. Alvarado, acting as governor in the absence of Governor Micheltorena, went through the formality of asking Captain Mariano Silva, the commandante, the condition of the defenses. The reply was that they "were of no consequence, as everybody knows." Alvarado then called a meeting of all the leading citizens, and shortly before midnight Pedro Narvaez and Jose Abrego were sent aboard the **United States** to negotiate terms of surrender. Thomas O. Larkin, United States Consul at Monterey, served as interpreter.

Surrender

After all arrangements were made, Alvarado signed the articles stating that he did so "from motives of humanity, the small force at his disposal affording no hope of successful resistance against the powerful force brought against him." The acting governor surrendered the entire district of Monterey extending from San Luis Obispo to San Juan Bautista.

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A few moments later the Mexican flag was lowered and the Stars and Stripes were raised. Shortly after noon the **United States** and Cyane

fired a hearty salute which was answered from the **castillo**.

To the residents of the city, Comodore Jones issued a proclamation in which he stated: "Although I come in arms as the representative of a powerful nation, upon whom the central government of Mexico has waged war, I come not to spread desolation among California's peaceful inhabitants . . . Inhabitants of California! You have only to remain at your homes in pursuit of peaceful vocations to insure security of life, person and property from the consequences of an unjust war, into which Mexico has plunged you. Those Stars and Stripes, infallible emblems of civil liberty . . . now float triumphantly before you, and henceforth and forever will give protection and security to you, to your children, and to unborn countless thousands . . ."

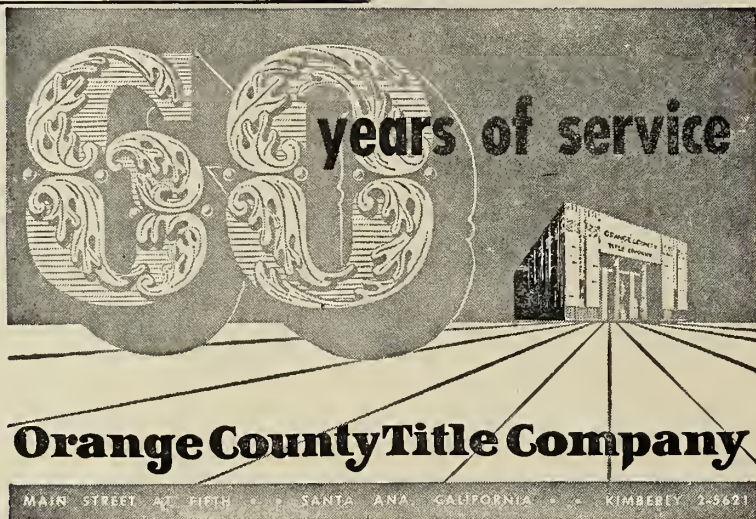
Jones Withdraws

As the hours went on, a feeling of doubt clouded the mind of Comodore Jones. From the beginning, United States Consul Larkin had insisted that no war existed with Mexico. On the day following the surrender dispatches arrived from Mexico showing conclusively that the nations were still at peace.

There was nothing for Jones to do, but to restore conditions to a *status quo*. He sent a message to Alvarado and Silva proposing to withdraw from the city. In the late afternoon, with great ceremony, the Stars and Stripes were lowered, the American forces left the **castillo** and boarded their ships which immediately fired a salute to the newly raised Mexican flag. Official courtesy visits were exchanged in a most friendly fashion and the residents of the town entertained with a ball. [It was for this occasion that Juan Abrego was requested to loan his piano as related in "Music in Early California" in the October issue of California Herald.]

Micheltorena's Indignation

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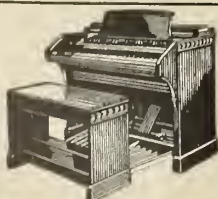
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much huffing and puffing and pretended to be greatly enraged. Boastfully he wrote to his Secretary of War and Marine, "I wished myself as a thunderbolt, to fly and annihilate the invaders, but 110 leagues intervened between them and me and my forces were all infantry."

He then stated, "On the following day, the 26th, I began my march with my troops, of whose enthusiasm I cannot say too much . . ." The truth of the matter was that he lurked around San Fernando until after the twenty-sixth when he learned of Jones' withdrawal. Moreover, his soldiers were a sorry lot, with absolutely no morale. Much of Micheltorena's unpopularity as governor was due to resentment against his thieving soldiery.

The governor pretended that it was during the writing of his report that he learned of the American relinquishment of Monterey. He wrote, "So his excellency Mr.—— did not choose to await our arrival as a hostile force. And the feelings of my heart, which were thence transmitted to those of all the officers, soldiers and inhabitants of the country, were at once of grief and joy, of regret and pleasure, of contentment and disappointment; but Providence has so willed it; therefore it is for the best, and we have only to respect and bow to its decrees."

However, Micheltorena must have satisfaction from Jones! He wrote a letter to him demanding 1,500 complete infantry uniforms ruined in his march to Monterey, \$15,000 to cover expenses of the expedition, and "a complete set of military musical instruments to replace those ruined on this occasion." Nobody could accuse Micheltorena of underestimating his losses. The total number of his troops was between two and three hundred men, not one of which, according to an eye-witness "possessed a jacket or pantaloons," but "trusted to a miserable, ragged blanket to cover his filth and nakedness."

There is no evidence that Commodore Jones ever answered the Governor's letter. However, Monterey was again in the possession of the Mexican government from whom it had been captured by mistake. Four years later the Mexican War actually began, and on July 7, 1846, Commodore Sloat raised the American Flag over Monterey. This time the capture was "for keeps."

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(A California New Year)

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the year,
Stiff, straight and cold, with mourn-
ers by its bier,
As in the hard Atlantic clime,
Where bare-branched trees make
desolate the sky,
And streams are stilled but winds
are piping high,
And vapors turn to stinging rime.
Not typical of death our old year's
end,
But rather like the parting of a
friend
Who leaves a grateful sense be-
hind;
Or like a maiden loved and wedded
late,
Who goes to meet her joy with mien
sedate,
Yet calmly happy in her mind.
The long dry summer sits upon the
hills
In memory yet; her russet color fills
The distant scene with mellow
tints;
Only the spring that swells to meet
the cloud,
Or acorn-dropping oak, or south
wind loud,
Another mood of nature hints.
The red geranium gleams along the
wall,
The pea-vine's leafy tresses thickly
fall,
While roses blush in open air;
And oft in sheltered spots, 'mid
friendly calms,
The calla lily lifts its broad, green
palms
And blossoms into saintly prayer.
Soon all the tawny hills that thirst for
rain
Will don an emerald robe with gold-
en train

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS CALIFORNIANS



"A Californian is one who was born in California; or else one who was reborn in California."—Ella Sterling Mighels.

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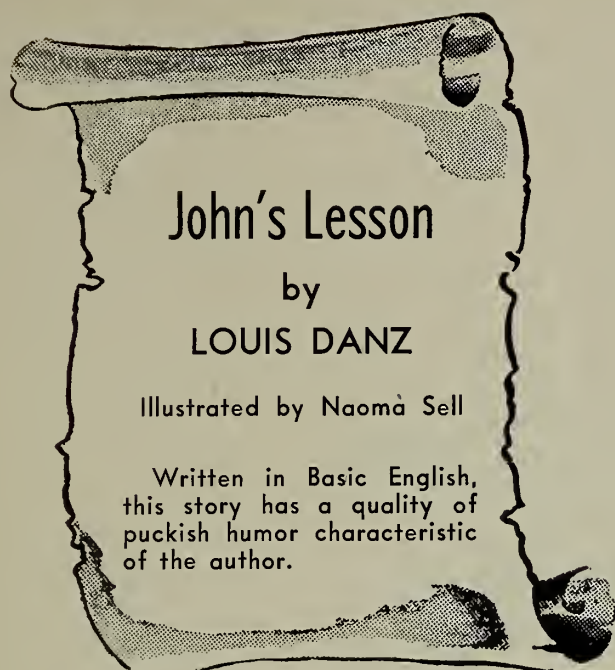
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ONE day John thought a red-letter day must have come along for Father.

It might have been a red-letter day in anyone's life.

Or maybe not.

That depends.

John wasn't sure.

Anyway here it was and it was pouring rain.

Father came home from the music store very much excited.

Come Son, he said.

The water dripped from his coat.

Where are you going Walt, Mother said. Where are you going in this down pour.

Come Son, Father said taking up his wet umbrella. His eyes didn't look at Mother. And John went with him and they walked out into the rain.

Mother watched them from the porch.

Where are we going, John said.

Come along, Father said, and you'll see.

His face was set hard.

When they reached Mike's Place Father stopped and looked up and down the street and then closing his umbrella he took John's arm saying, I'm doing this Son to show you the evils of gambling.

And they went in.

They went into Mike's saloon.

John looked around and when he saw the picture over the bar he said, Gosh she's pretty.

And he didn't want to stop looking.

But Father pulled him along.

Mike was washing glasses. Well Well Welcome, he said and his gold teeth flashed in the gas light but Father didn't answer and he didn't even look at the picture over the bar and he didn't look at Mike but with his quick short steps he walked John to the back of the saloon.

And there it was.

Mike's new slot machine.

Everybody had talked about it and the town council had said, We can't allow it, but they did and Father said, It's a disgrace, and he wanted John to know how bad it was and anyway Father was always talking about no gambling because his brother had been like that so that's why he took John down to Mike's Place and he said, It steals

and cheats and it will ruin our town, and he put a nickel in one of the hungry slots and pulled down the lever and the wheels inside chewed up the nickel. Well anyway it sounded like that when the machine groaned and five dollars in nickels came out.

And Father looked like a boy who had just been spanked.

Let's get out of here, he said.

* * *

But the next day everybody knew about it.

John's father got the jack pot, they said and they said it in school and they said it in church and on the corners and in their homes and it took some people a long time to forget and others never did.

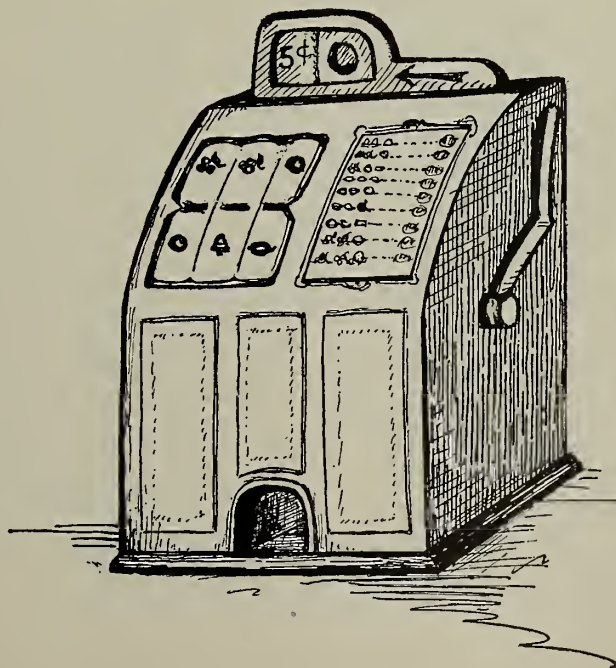
For almost a week until it was Sunday Father's shoulders drooped and he pulled his hat down over his face when he walked to work and back. Maybe he thought eyes from every window watched him and maybe he thought he heard voices behind every closed door.

* * *

On Sunday he put the money he had won in the church box.

* * *

• This is the first of a series of short stories written by Louis Danz, nationally known Southern California author.





BOYSENBERRIES

A HUSKY chap sat perched on a stool at a busy lunch counter. Dispatching his sandwich in record time he gulped down his coffee, pushed forward his cup for a "warm-up" and made an expert appraisal of the contents of the pie case.

"I'll take that," he announced, pointing a finger at a big, juicy piece of boysenberry pie.

Thirty-five years ago such an incident could not have happened, for there weren't any boysenberries in those days!

Origin

America's favorite berry was produced by Rudolph Boysen, a young veteran of World War 1. Back in 1922 he was experimenting with berries on his eighteen acre ranch at Coombsville in the Napa Valley. He soon learned that trying to produce a new variety was much like gold mining: plenty of back-breaking work combined with patience, persistence and a lot of luck!

Boysen gathered pollen from nu-

merous varieties of raspberries, dewberries and loganberries growing in the district. This pollen he combined into various mixtures with which he pollinated Himalaya blackberries. Years later he declared, "Of course I didn't expect them all to take. No one has ever been sure just which of the pollen did take." However, 104 seedlings resulted which were carefully transplanted to an area along a creek which ran through his ranch. Then came the waiting period.

In the third year Boysen's fondest hopes were realized for one of his plants produced a berry nearly two inches long! Shortly thereafter he and his wife moved to a ranch near Anaheim, taking with them the plant which was destined to change berry culture and perhaps even upset the old tradition of apple pie being America's favorite dessert.

Two years later Boysen made arrangements for the Coolidge Rare Plant Gardens of Pasadena to promote his discovery. Coolidge was

very enthusiastic and notified the United States Department of Agriculture of the new berry which in 1927 he advertised as "the sensation of the Twentieth Century."

Nobody back in Washington paid the least attention to Coolidge's optimistic letter except George M. Darrow, berry specialist with the Bureau of Plant Industry. Darrow was busy with other matters at the time, but he jotted down a memorandum in his note book, intending to inspect the new discovery the next time he came to the west coast.

It was not until 1932 that Darrow arrived in California. Checking his notebook he went to Pasadena where he sought out Coolidge at his rare plant gardens. To his dismay he learned that Coolidge was dead. Did anybody know anything about this marvelous new berry and its discoverer, Rudolph Boysen? Yes, there was some remembrance of it, but there were no such plants now in stock. Somebody recollected that Boysen lived somewhere in Southern California, but nobody knew where.

Darrow persevered. He went down to Buena Park where he visited Walter Knott who was doing considerable experimental work with berries. Did Knott know Boysen who was supposed to be living somewhere in the south. No, he didn't, but he suggested that they look in the Orange County telephone directory. Beginning at the front of the book they searched the Santa Ana section with no success. Next they turned to Anaheim. There was the name, Rudolph Boysen, living in Anaheim just five miles from where they were standing!

Boysen Visited

A telephone call to Boysen's home disclosed his whereabouts. Knott and Darrow jumped into a car and in a few minutes were talking to the

The Boysenberry: A Native Son

Discovered by Rudolph Boysen and
Developed by Walter Knott, the Boysenberry has become
a National favorite.

man who had originated the new berry.

In his forthright manner Boysen quickly reviewed his experiences since coming to southern California. He had become Anaheim's superintendent of parks and had moved from the ranch to the city. The depression had set in. He had suffered an accident wherein he fractured his back and both legs. All of these factors, combined with Coolidge's death, had dampened his enthusiasm about his discovery.

Boysen accompanied his visitors to the nearby ranch where a number of the new plants were growing. Generously he presented several to Knott who took them home and nursed them carefully. In the following year, 1933, the plants bore fruit of the size and delicious flavor described by Coolidge.

Knott's Work

Knott now prepared for a vigorous campaign to popularize the plant which he named the **Boysenberry**. His first task was to increase his plantings to meet the demand he visualized. In 1935 he distributed the first of his planting stock.

Walter Knott had been farming on his Buena Park place for several years before he saw the boysenberry. He had a "knack" with plants and developed an excellent strain of red-stalked rhubarb which is popularly known as cherry rhubarb. He discovered a new and superior variety of asparagus. However, berries were his specialty.

Like many of his neighbors Knott built a roadside stand where he and his family sold the farm produce, but unlike his neighbors his stand had a professional touch combined with a homey flavor. Merchandise was "done up" in neat white wrapping paper rather than the commonly used newspapers.

In 1927 a small dining room was built to accommodate pie and coffee customers. Knott moved cautiously. He was still first and foremost a farmer. However, in 1934, the dining room, under the able management of his wife, Cordelia, added sandwiches and chicken dinners to the menu. A year later the dining room was enlarged to accommodate seventy persons. In 1938 the capacity of the dining room was expanded to handle three hundred diners.

The popularity of Knott's Berry Farm has steadily increased. In 1937

the number of dinners served was 109,055. In 1953 the number was 1,267,091. (1954 figures are not yet available.) 1750 persons can sit down to dinner at one time. Parking lots for visitors cover forty acres.

The boysenberry has played an important role in the Knott program. Today, the Farm annually utilizes 360,000 pounds of these berries, 150,000 pounds of which are made into pies and the rest into jams and jellies. 1,893 boysenberry pies were baked for Mother's Day of 1953.

While the boysenberry has helped spread the fame of Knott's Berry Farm, it must be remembered that it was Walter Knott who rescued it from oblivion and placed it in its well deserved niche as America's finest berry.

Knott's Berry Farm is famous for attractions such as its Ghost Town, Calico Railroad (with holdup by train bandits), Bird Cage Theatre, stagecoach rides, chapel, Indian village, haunted shack, and attractive

shops. (And of course everybody visits Sad Eye Joe in jail!) Many pages could be devoted to describing the extensive establishment, but this article must confine itself to the boysenberry.

The Berry Itself

H. M. Butterfield of the California Agricultural Extension Service has made some very interesting observations of the boysenberry. He says, "The berries average much larger than those of the Young; many of the berries reach the length of 1½ inches and occasionally more. Tests for solids (mostly sugar) show that normal Boysenberries contain about 10.25 per cent as compared with 9.00 per cent for fairly ripe Youngs and Logans, 9.75 for the Macatawa blackberry, 9.00 per cent for red raspberries, and 6.50 per cent for Klondike strawberries. Very ripe Boysens often test from 11.75 to 12.00 per cent solids. A test reported from Oregon indicates that the Boy-

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WALTER AND RUSSELL KNOTT IN THE FIELD



UNDER A ZANY STAR

Haraszthy's Life, Filled with Adventure, Ended in a Startling Manner

IF there is any merit to the claims of astrology it might be suggested that the star governing the life of Colonel Agoston Haraszthy was of the zany variety. In any event the colonel seemed to be gifted with the uncanny ability to experience the bizarre and unusual.

To begin with, he was born into a family of Hungarian nobility. Receiving an excellent education he made a special study of the refining of precious metals. But Haraszthy was not content to live the life of the landed gentry. He chose to become a revolutionist! Forced to flee from his homeland, he arrived in New York in 1840. There he made some important political connections which permitted him to safely return to Hungary and bring his family to America.

Goes To Wisconsin

Settling in Sauk City, Wisconsin, he engaged in a series of successful ventures. There he commenced the first large grape culture in this country. Being interested in malt as well as vinous beverages he was the first

to successfully grow hops in Wisconsin.

In the meantime he spent considerable time and effort raising money to promote the revolutionary plans of the Hungarian patriot, Louis Kossuth.

California

But Haraszthy was soon to leave Wisconsin. Plagued by asthma he decided to go to California for his health. Coming by the southern route he arrived in San Diego in December of 1849. A factor other than climate induced him to remain on the west coast. News had trickled back to Sauk City that he had been killed by Indians so his agent had sold all his property!

Turning to politics he was chosen the first sheriff of San Diego County. In 1852 he was elected to the state legislature where he stormed against monopolies and fraud.

Purchasing a large tract of land in what is now San Mateo County as well as fifty acres near Mission Dolores in San Francisco, Haraszthy started grape growing on a grand

scale. (The colonel always did things on a grand scale!)

Appointed to Mint

In 1854 President Franklin Pierce appointed him Assayer of the new mint in San Francisco. In the following year he was promoted to the office of Melter and Refiner. Destiny was not to permit him to rest comfortably in his new position.

One day a bookkeeper entered his office in a state of great agitation.

"Colonel, there's something wrong!"

"Something wrong? Sit down, my good man, and calm yourself!"

"It's bad, colonel, it's bad!"

"What's bad?"

"The books; they don't balance."

"Have you made a careful check?"

"I have checked them in every possible way."

"How much are you off?"

"Over \$150,000!"

Haraszthy dropped his cigar.

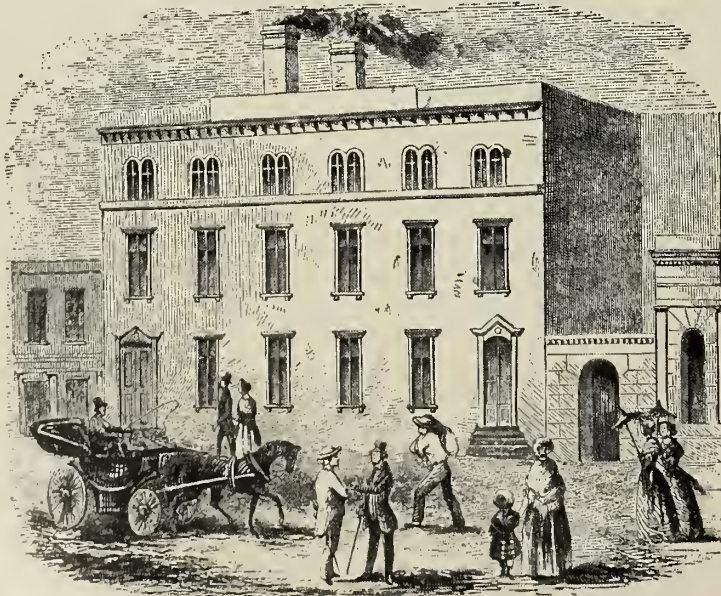
"Over \$150,000! Impossible!"

The bookkeeper was right. Over \$150,000 in gold was missing—lost somewhere in transit through the complex operations of the mint.

The colonel ruled out any possible thievery. There must be a mistake, he kept telling himself. At his own expense he hired engineers to inspect the mint. These men found that the equipment had never been designed to stand the strain of night and day operation. Moreover, they observed that over-size blower fans had been installed to force the furnaces to great heat.

Here was a clue! Haraszthy ordered workmen to climb onto the roofs of adjoining buildings and collect specimens of soot and grime. These were examined. Sure enough, they contained gold dust, but not in quantities sufficient to account for the \$150,000 loss.

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California Place Names



ANAHEIM

Anaheim was founded by a group of German immigrants of San Francisco who had organized themselves into the **Los Angeles Vineyard Society**. Through their agent, George Hansen, these pioneers purchased 1165 acres of land in what is now Orange County for two dollars an acre.

On January 15, 1858, a general meeting of members of the Society was held for the purpose of selecting a name for the town about to be founded. After much discussion three names were suggested: **Annaheim**, **Annagau** and **Weinheim**. Annaheim received 18 votes, Annagau 17 votes and Weinheim one vote. On the second ballot **Annaheim** was declared the winner.

Hallock F. Raup states that **Annaheim** "is perhaps the first record of a 'hybrid' name in California." It is made up of the German words "Anna" and "heim" and means "home by the Santa Ana River." Later one "n" was dropped from the name changing "Anna" from its German spelling to that of the Spanish.

Theodore Schmidt has generally been given the credit of proposing the name, "Anaheim."

SUNSET BEACH

Sunset Beach, in Orange County, was founded by the Los Angeles and Santa Monica Land and Water Co. in 1887. It was a product of the boom of the Eighties. A pretentious hotel was planned for the community, but was not completed before the boom burst. It was utilized as a hay barn.

FIDDLTOWN

Fiddletown was a mining camp in the gold rush days. A large number of miners came to this locality in Amador County in the 'Fifties. According to local tradition, many of these gold seekers came from Missouri, and a great number had brought their fiddles with them! It was said to be a common sight to see one miner working a claim while his partner entertained him with music from his violin. At any rate, the name of **Fiddletown** somehow became attached to the community.

Bret Harte focused attention upon the locality when he wrote his story, "An Episode at Fiddletown."

The residents of the town accepted the name as a matter of course until a certain local judge found himself to be the butt of numerous jokes from his associates in San Francisco and Sacramento concerning the name of his home town. The sensitive jurist succeeded in having the State Legislature change the name of **Fiddletown** to **Oleta**.

However, in 1937, members of the State Historical Society, with the approval of the residents of the community secured the restoration of the original name.

AZUSA

Azusa, in Los Angeles County, was named after the Azusa Rancho on which it is situated. This rancho derives its name from the Gabrielino Indian word "Asuka-gna" which mean "skunk hill" or "skunk place" because there was a mound in the locality of the present city which was inhabited by the little striped-backed animals.

There is a story that Azusa was a coined word originated by an enterprising subdivider who advertised the town as "From A to Z, the best in U.S.A." This, however, is purely legendary for the name actually comes from the Indian word.

In 1887, the boom year, the town was laid out by a New Yorker, Jonathan Sayre Slauson, who had come west in 1864, mined several years in Nevada, and later moved to California's Southland where he became a prominent citrus industry leader and realty developer.

Azusa was incorporated in 1898.

MARIPOSA

Mariposa is Spanish for "butterfly" and was first given as the name of a creek. Padre Muñoz, who accompanied the Moraga expedition through the San Joaquin Valley, wrote in his diary on September 27, 1806: "This place is called the place of the Mariposas because of their great multitude, especially at night and morning . . . One of the corporals of the expedition got one in his ear, causing him considerable annoyance and no little discomfort in its extraction."

The town of Mariposa sprang up on Mariposa Creek when gold was discovered there in 1849. The name of the town was given to the county.

SANTA BARBARA

Santa Barbara first appears as a geographical name in **Canal de Santa Barbara**, the term applied to the Santa Barbara Channel by Vizcaino on December 4, 1602, which was the day dedicated to Santa Barbara, a Roman maiden who had been beheaded by her father because she became a Christian.

The **Presidio de Santa Barbara, Virgen y Martir**, was established on April 21, 1782.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

The locality of **San Luis Obispo** received its name on August 21, 1769, when Padre Juan Crespi of the Portola Expedition wrote: "We found a very large village which must contain more than a thousand persons . . . the heathen came immediately to greet us and gave us an abundance of fresh and dried fish . . . Some of our party thought that this rancheria was not one, but two villages; we gave them the name of San Luis Obispo."

No doubt it was so named in honor of St. Louis, Bishop of Toulouse, whose feast day was two days previous.

Here the San Luis Obispo de Toluca mission was founded on September 1, 1772.

INGLEWOOD

Inglewood was a part of the old Spanish grants of **Aguaje de la Centineia** and **Sausal Redondo** ranchos.

In 1873 Daniel Freeman came from Ontario, Canada, to Southern California in search of health for his wife. He leased the 25,000 acre Cen-

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A Lazy Parson

Elijah B. Lockley, a pioneer minister of the Southern Methodist Church, at Columbia, was full of energy while in the pulpit. Otherwise, he was in a state of complete relaxation!

Methodist Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald had this to say about Lockley: "He was eccentric, and he was lazy—very eccentric and very lazy. The miners crowded his church on Sundays, and he moved around among them in a leisurely familiar way during the week, saying the quaintest things, eating their slapjacks, and smoking their best cigars. He occupied a little frame house near the church in Columbia, then the richest mining camp in the world, in whose streets ten thousand miners lounged, ate, drank, gambled, quarreled, and fought every Lord's day.

"That bachelor parsonage was unique in respect of the furniture it did not contain, and also in respect to the condition of that which it did contain. Lockley was not a neat housekeeper. I have said he was lazy. He knew the fact, accepted it, and gloried in it.

"On one occasion he invited four friends to supper. They all arrived at the hour. Lockley was stretched at full length on a lounge which would have been better for the attention of an upholsterer or washerwoman. The friends looked at each other, and at their host. One of them spoke: 'Lockley, where's your supper?'

"'O, it isn't cooked yet,' he drawled out. 'Parker,' continued Lockley, 'make a fire in that stove. Toman, you go up town and get some crackers and oysters and coffee and a steak. Oxley, go after a

bucket of water. Porterfield, you hunt up the crockery and set the table.'

"His orders were obeyed by the amused guests, who entered into the spirit of the occasion with great good humor. Oyster cans were opened, the steak was duly sliced, seasoned, and broiled, the coffee was boiled, and in due time the supper was ready, and Lockley arose from the lounge and presided at the table with perfect enjoyment."

Lockley's conception of Heaven was a place to rest whereas the other region was just the opposite. Bishop Fitzgerald commented upon his thoughts in this respect. He said, "Lazy as he was out of the pulpit, in it he was all energy and fire. He had read largely, had a good memory, and put the quaintest conceits into the quaintest setting of fitting words. His favorite text was: 'There remaineth a rest to the people of God.' That was his idea of heaven—rest, to 'sit down' with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of God.

The rapturous songs, the waving palms, the sounding harps of the new Jerusalem were not to his taste; what he wanted, and looked for, was rest, and all the images by which he described the felicity of the redeemed were drawn from that one thought.

"His idea of hell was antithetic to this. The terrible thought with him was that there was no rest there. I heard him bring out this idea with awful power one Sunday morning at Linden, in San Joaquin County. 'In this world,' said Lockley, 'there is respite from every grief, every burden, every pain in the body. The mourner weeps herself to sleep. The agony of pain sinks exhausted into slumber. Sleep, sweet sleep, brings surcease to all human griefs and pains in this life. **But there will be no sleep in hell!**

"The accusing conscience will hiss its reproaches into the ear of the lost, the memory will reproduce the crimes and follies by which the soul was wrecked forever, the fires of retribution will burn on unintermittingly. One hour of sleep in a thousand years would be some mitigation; but the worm dieth not, the fire is not quenched. God deliver me from a sleepless hell!' he exclaimed, his swarthy face glowing, and his dark eyes gleaming, his whole frame quivering with horror at the thought his mind had conceived."

Bishop Fitzgerald recalls another time when he and Lockley were making a canvass of the city of Stockton for a church paper. Lockley got tired of walking, and spying an empty chair in front of a store he sank into it with complete relaxation.

"Come on, Lockley," urged the bishop, "We are not half done with our work."

"I shan't do it," was the reply.

"Why not?"

"The Scripture is against it."

"What do you mean?"

"The Scripture says, 'Do thyself no harm,' and it does me harm to walk as fast as you do. I shan't budge." And he didn't.

Reverend Lockley practiced what he preached. Despite his eccentricities, he rendered valuable service in the rough days of the Gold Rush.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY VOTE IN CIVIL WAR DAYS

It is well known that Los Angeles was predominantly Southern in sympathy during the Civil War. This feeling was reflected in the presidential election returns.

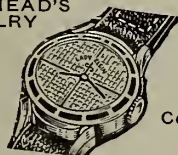
In 1860 the Los Angeles County electors cast their votes as follows: John C. Breckenridge, Democrat, 703; Stephen A. Douglas, Independent Democrat, 494; Abraham Lincoln, Republican, 356; John Bell, Constitutional Union, 203.

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IDA KOVERMAN

Ida Koverman, 78, director of public relations of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio, passed away at her home in Los Angeles on November twenty-fourth.

Of her, Hedda Hopper declared, "She had been friend, confidante and sometimes the conscience of our greatest stars and always she found time to lend a hand to a promising newcomer and helped him up the ladder of film fame. It was she who got Judy Garland a hearing before Louis Mayer that resulted in Judy's first screen role. Robert Taylor, Nelson Eddy, Mickey Rooney, Clark Gable and Mario Lanza are all indebted to Ida for a great measure of their success. She was the middleman between talent and the opportunity to showcase it."

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1876, Mrs. Koverman commenced her business career at the New York offices of Consolidated Gold Fields of South Africa, Ltd. It was there that she became acquainted with Herbert Hoover who was associated with the same company.

She enjoyed politics and in 1924 was appointed executive secretary for the Coolidge Presidential campaign. Four years later she served Hoover in a similar capacity. She was a delegate to the 1944 and 1948 Republican national conventions. In 1952 she joined Hedda Hopper and other film notables in organizing the Women's Brigade for Ike and Dick.

A patron of the arts, she served as director of the Hollywood Bowl Association and the Southern California Symphony Association. She was a member of the Municipal Art Commission.

Christian Science funeral services were conducted at Pierce Bros. Chapel at Beverly Hills. George Murphy delivered a tribute in which he called Mrs. Koverman the greatest woman of the motion picture industry. He quoted from a letter from Governor Knight who stated, "She loved and served California and her memory will be with the people of her beloved State always."

EDWARD CHILBERG

Edward Chilberg, 87, passed away at his home at Laguna Beach on December tenth. He served as president of the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition which opened at Seattle on June 1, 1909.

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Of savage beauty still!
How brought, O panther of the
splendid hide,
To know thy master's will!
No more thou sittest on thy tawny
hills
In indolent repose;
Or pourest the crystal of a thousand
rills
Down from thy house of snows.
But where the wild oats wrapped thy
knees in gold,
The plowman drives his share;
And where, through canyons deep,
thy streams are rolled,
The miner's arm is bare.
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No mining engineer seemed able to present any clear idea on the subject so Lane decided to consult a fortune teller. Collecting some samples of ore from the **Utica**, he went to San Francisco where he consulted a clairvoyant by the name of Mrs. Robinson. He showed her the rock specimens and asked her for help from the spirit world.

Mrs. Robinson obliged by going into a trance. Upon recovering herself she solemnly informed Lane that deeper in the mine would be found fabulously rich ore. The mine superintendent returned to Angels Camp in an optimistic mood.

Despite the advice of well meaning friends Lane ordered the shafts of the **Utica** deepened. When the 550 foot level was reached, the mine's whistle blew a triumphant blast. A great vein of gold had been discovered assaying two hundred dollars a ton!

Lane was not surprised. He told one of his associates, "I knew it was there all the time. My ghost told me so!"

LOS ANGELES BORN DIPLOMAT PASSES ON

Hugh S. Gibson, 71, passed away at Geneva, Switzerland, on December twelfth. At the time of his death he was director of the Inter-governmental Committee for Europe Migration, an organization designed to relieve population pressure in Europe by sending emigrants to new homes overseas, principally to North and South America and Australia. Previous to his last work, Gibson was an editor for Doubleday & Co., a New York publishing firm.

Gibson began his career in the United States diplomatic service in 1908 with his appointment as secretary of the legation at Tegucigalpa, Honduras. During World War I he was secretary of the legation at Brussels and thereafter served in London, Paris, and Vienna.

In 1919 he went to Poland as the first minister of the United States to that postwar nation. He was envoy to Switzerland from 1924 to 1927, to Belgium from 1927 to 1932 and to Brazil from 1933 to 1937. It is said that President Hoover tendered him an appointment as ambassador to the Court of St. James at London, but that Gibson declined because of his limited income.

Born in Los Angeles on August 16, 1883, Gibson was educated at the Ecole Libres de Sciences Politiques in Paris.

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On October 7, 1862, Colonel E. J. C. Kewen, a representative in the Legislature from Los Angeles County, was arrested on a charge of treason and sent under military guard to Fort Alcatraz. He was released upon taking the oath of allegiance.

The Army relinquished the island to the Justice Department in 1934. Here is now situated the only maximum security penitentiary in the Federal penal system.

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We trailed the Sacramento toward
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you rise

In dominating white beside the moon.
Below you crouched the fir-clad
Siskiyou.

Their night-filled canyons all sub-
servient;

Whilst toward me from their sombre
silence flowed

The elusive silver of the twisting
stream;

And far above it all you held the
throne,

The very moon existent for your
sake.

For Luna's luminous fingers etched
each line

In deathless crystal 'gainst a star-
filmed void

Till your cold craters outflashed
Phosphorus.

Let others canticle your morning
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For me, I've seen you in the moon-
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—John Marvin Dean

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The first Legislature organized under the Constitution of 1849 had the task of organizing the new state into counties. A special Senate committee, headed by General M. G. Vallejo, submitted a report on January 4, 1850, proposing a state of eighteen counties whose names were to be San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Francisco, San Jose, Mt. Diablo, Sonoma, Benicia, Sacramento, Sutter, Butte, Reading, Fremont, San Joaquin, Oro and Mariposa.

Five of these proposed names did not survive legislative discussion. Mt. Diablo was changed to Contra

Costa, Benicia to Solano, Reading to Shasta, Fremont to Yola, and Oro to Tuolumne. **Mt. Diablo**, of course, referred to the 3,849 foot peak in Contra Costa County which, in 1861, was established by the original California Geological Survey as the starting point for all surveys of the State. **Benicia**, on the Carquinez Straits, was founded in 1847 by Dr. Robert Semple, and was the capital of the state from 1853 to 1854. **Reading** honored the great pioneer, Pier-son B. Reading, who came to California in 1843. **Fremont** was named in honor of John C. Fremont, "The Pathfinder," who made exploratory trips to the west in 1842, 1843, and 1845. He was the first candidate for president of the United States on the Republican ticket. **Oro** is Spanish for "gold."

In final form, the bill establishing California's first counties was signed by Governor Peter H. Burnett on February 18, 1850. This law divided the state into twenty-seven counties whose names were San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, **Branciforte**, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, Marin, Sonoma, Solano, Yola, Napa, Mendocino, Sacramento, El Dorado, Sutter, Yuba, Butte, Colusa, Shasta, Trinity, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Tuolumne and Mariposa.

By amendatory bills **Branciforte** was changed to Santa Cruz, and Yola to Yolo. **Branciforte** was the name of a town established at the present site of the city of Santa Cruz on July 24, 1797. It was named after the Marqués de Branciforte, Miguel de la Grua Talamanca, the fifty-third Viceroy of Mexico, who served as such from 1794 to 1798.

Branciforte was designed to be the model city of California. However, it was not attractive to colonists and crops failed. In a few years the town was abandoned and forgotten.

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In despair the colonel resigned in April, 1857, and asked that an accounting be made.

A Federal grand jury took a dim view of the situation and indicted Haraszthy for embezzlement. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to six years in prison. With every confidence he appealed the judgment and moved to Sonoma where he prospered with a vineyard which he called Buena Vista.

Later one of the employees of the mint was found guilty of having stolen a large quantity of scrap gold. Haraszthy was vindicated and his case thrown out of court in 1861.

Goes to Europe

Governor Downey immediately appointed him on a committee to inquire into methods of improving the wine industry of the State. With his characteristic enthusiasm Haraszthy convinced the governor that the best way to get firsthand information was for the colonel himself to go abroad, make a thorough investigation and bring back varieties of nursery stock. No definite arrangement was made as to how Haraszthy would be reimbursed.

But the colonel hadn't the slightest worry. Everything would turn out all right. Expending over \$12,000 of his own money, he collected much valuable data as well as some 200,000 grape cuttings intended for distribution throughout the state. When he returned to California he found the majority of the members of the legislature disinterested in his project. Many were openly hostile. Some maintained that the State had no business spending public funds to help a private industry. Others were opposed to wine.

Moreover, the Civil War was raging and the legislature was Republican in politics. Haraszthy was chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee and had been accused of being a Southern sympathizer. At any rate, the colonel was never reimbursed for the money he spent on the venture. Irrespective of

this rebuff he traveled throughout the state lecturing on the culture of the grape. Without question, to him belongs the credit of establishing the wine industry of California.

Corporation Formed

Haraszthy had now increased his holdings in Sonoma County to 6,000 acres. Burdened with numerous mortgages he interested several capitalists in organizing a corporation to take over his lands and relieve him of his debts. The Buena Vista Vini-cultural Society was formed and Haraszthy was made its president. But the stockholders soon became impatient with what they deemed his extravagances and forced him to resign.

Undaunted, he became manager of a small estate belonging to his wife. Now bad luck pursued him in earnest. He suffered heavy losses in the stock market. A heavy tax on spirits wiped out the profits he had hoped to make on his brandy. A fire destroyed his winery. A boiler exploded in his distillery and he was severely injured in leaping from a window to escape the flames.

Nicaragua

But Haraszthy was not discouraged. He went to Nicaragua, built a large sugar mill and arranged with the local government to make rum for export trade. In order to construct a distillery he had to build a sawmill to get lumber. In searching for a suitable millsite he endeavored to cross a stream by means of a magnolia tree extending over it. A limb broke under his weight and he plunged into the murky waters where he was snapped up by alligators.

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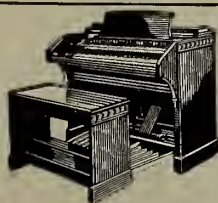


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tinela Ranch and went into the sheep raising business. The climate failed to cure Mrs. Freeman who died a year later. In 1887, Freeman purchased the ranch, organized a land company and laid out the townsite. The new community was named Inglewood after the village in Ontario where the Freemans had previously lived and which Mrs. Freeman had particularly liked. This city of Los Angeles County was incorporated in February, 1908.

MONTEREY

Monterey received its name from Monterey Bay which was called Puerto de Monterey by Sebastian Vizcaino when he anchored there on December 16, 1602. He so called it in honor of the Conde de Monterey, then Viceroy of New Spain.

MARIN

Marin County was named after Chief Marin of the Licatiut Indians. When he was baptized into the Christian faith he was given the name of *Marinero* or "mariner" as he served as a ferryman on San Francisco Bay. It is believed that Marin is a shortened form of *Marinero*, probably his nickname.

SHASTA

The origin of the word, Shasta, is obscure. The name early appears variously as *Sastie*, *Shastl*, *Saste*, and *Shasty*. On February 14, 1827, Peter Skene Ogden, Hudson's Bay Company trapper, wrote, "I have named this river *Sastise River*. There is a mountain equal in height to Mount Hood or Vancouver, I have named Mt. *Sastise*. I have given these names from the tribes of Indians."

TRINITY COUNTY

Trinity County derives its name from the Trinity River which was so named by Pierson B. Reading in 1845 because he thought it emptied into Trinidad Bay.

SCOTTY'S

Scotty's is officially named *Death Valley Ranch*, but is usually known as *Death Valley Scotty's* or just plain *Scotty's*. This name honors


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I stood by the old fort's crumbling wall,

On the eastern edge of the town:
The sun through clefts in the ruined hall,

Flecked with its light the rafters brown.

Charmed by the magic spell of the place,

The present vanished, the past returned;

While rampart and fortress filled the space,

And yonder the Indian camp-fires burned.

Around me were waifs from every clime,

Blown by the fickle winds of chance—

Knight errants, ready at any time,
For any cause, to couch a lance.

The staunch old Captain with courtly grace,

Owner of countless leagues of land,

Benignly governed the motley race,
Dispensing favors with open hand . . .

Only a moment the vision came;

Where tower and rampart stood before

Where flushed the night with the camp's red flame—

Dust and ashes and nothing more!
—Lucius Harwood Foote

OLD AND NEW

(Continued from Page 2)

Of yellow poppies glowing like a flame;

The summer from her dusty chrysalis

Will waken to a life of winged bliss,
And Spring will be its happy name.

—B. P. Avery

(The above poem appeared in the January, 1869, issue of *The Overland Monthly*, published in San Francisco.)



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For instance, there was the time that William Watt located some mining claims in Boston Ravine, near Grass Valley. Some other miners claimed the whole ravine and hired Attorney Alfred B. Dibble to bring eviction proceedings. Watts employed Nevada City's leading lawyer, William M. Stewart, who later became a United States senator from Nevada.

As Dibble had the reputation of never losing a mining case before the local court at Grass Valley, Stewart obtained a change of venue to the neighboring mining camp of Rough and Ready whose courtroom was conveniently located next to Si Brown's saloon.

When the case was called it was agreed that all liquor consumed during the trial by the judge, jury, parties, witnesses, lawyers and spectators should be charged as court costs and paid by the losing party. A jury was quickly selected, but from then on the trial lagged. Numerous recesses were called in order to lubricate parched throats and by the time that the defendant's main witness was called to the stand he was too drunk to testify.

The judge adjourned court until evening. There is no record of when the witness attained sobriety, but when the case was again called the members of the jury were in varying conditions of intoxication. Dibble moved to continue the case until the

following morning. Stewart convinced the court that a continuance would invalidate the whole proceedings and the case staggered on.

Both attorneys knew that to address the jury in its cups was an absurdity, but they did their best. Deliberations by the twelve stalwart gentlemen proved impossible and the judge discharged them.

The case was never tried again.

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FIRST COUNTIES

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It is interesting to note that all of the original counties except **Sutter** and **Butte** have names derived from the Spanish or Indian language. **Sutter** was named in honor of John Augustus Sutter, a Swiss, who came to California in 1839 and received a land grant from Governor Alvarado. He called his place **New Helvetia**, but it was best known as **Sutter's Fort**, it being situated in what is now the city of Sacramento.

Butte is a French word for "rising ground" and refers to the three peaks which are called **The Buttes**, **Marysville Buttes**, and **Sutter Buttes**, and were called **Buttes** by Michael Laframboise, a Hudson's Bay Company trapper who made several expeditions into the Sacramento Valley between 1832 and 1842.

PLACE NAMES

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Walter Scott, a prospector of the Inyo County desert region, and one of the developers of the ranch.

The main attraction is a palatial residence said to have cost \$2,000,000. Earlier this locality was known by such names as **Bonnie Clare Ranch**, **Johnson Ranch**, and **Old Staininger Ranch**.

SING PEAK

Sing Peak is a 10,544 foot mountain in Madera County. It was named by R. S. Marshall of the United States Geological Survey for Tie Sing, Chinese cook for the Survey from 1888 until his death in 1918.

SACRAMENTO

Sacramento is Spanish for "Holy Sacrament" and was first applied to the river, although there is no definite data of the date when it was first so called.

When the city of Sacramento was laid out in the fall of 1848 by Samuel Brannan and John A. Sutter, Jr., the name **Sacramento** was given, much against the wishes of John A. Sutter, Sr.

LOS ALAMITOS

The unincorporated community of **Los Alamitos**, in Orange County, receives its name from **Rancho Los Alamitos** upon which it stands. (**Alamitos** is Spanish for "little poplars or cottonwoods.") This rancho was granted to Juan Jose Nieto in 1834 by Governor Figueroa. In turn Nieto sold the ranch to the governor for \$500. Abel Stearns purchased it for \$6,000, lost it in a mortgage foreclosure to Michael Reese, who sold it to John Bixby and associates in 1881.

Shortly before Bixby's death, 5,000 acres of the ranch was set aside for a townsite.

In 1896 W. A. and J. R. Clark built a beet-sugar factory in this locality and named the place **Los Alamitos**.

BURBANK

Burbank was first called **Providencia** after the rancho on which it was founded. The owner of this portion of the rancho was an old timer, good natured David Burbank, a Los Angeles dentist. Dr. Burbank gave his name to the townsite when it was laid out in 1887.

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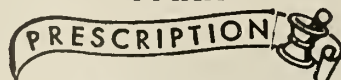
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CAROLINE MARIA SEYMOUR SEVERANCE — "Mother of Women's Clubs"; founded Friday Morning Club of Los Angeles; organized "New England Woman's Club" in 1868; president of Los Angeles Free Kindergarten Association in 1878; born January 12, 1820, Canandaigua, New York; died in Los Angeles in 1914.

STEPHEN MALLORY WHITE—"Father of Los Angeles Harbor"; district attorney of Los Angeles County, 1883; state senator, 1886; lieutenant governor of California, 1887; United States Senator, 1893-1899; leader in fight for free harbor at San Pedro; born January 19, 1853, San Francisco, California.

DAVID STARR JORDAN—Educator, naturalist, traveler and explorer; professor at Lombard College and Indiana University; president of Leland Stanford, Jr. University; chose his own middle name, "Starr", because of his love of astronomy; born January 19, 1851, Gainesville, New York.

EL DORADO

El Dorado is a contraction of the Spanish *el hombre dorado*, meaning "the gilded man," and has reference to a myth about a South American Indian chief who was covered with gold during certain religious rites.

Early Spanish conquerors sought eagerly for the "gilded man." No doubt the search for gold in California lead to the adoption of this fanciful name to be given to a town as well as to a county.

FILLMORE

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LAGUNA BEACH

Laguna Beach lies at the mouth of the canyon from which it derives its name. In an 1841 map this canyon was called *Cañada de las Lagunas* and has reference to several small lakes or ponds which lie at its head. Laguna is Spanish for "small lake."

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For hidden veins of yellow gold,
And pierce her ancient-seething
heart,
For ages past grown still and
cold—
Come out of all your tunnels black,
Throw down your futile picks and
drills,
For here above, the wealth you lack,
In lavish splendor gilds the hills.
Did God himself stoop down to say,
You golden, thronging daisies
bright,
Just where the hidden treasure lay
That you have found and brought
to light?
What need to tear the mountain
side?
What use to toil and sweat?—
Behold,
An El Dorado glorified,
A solid hill of yellow gold!
—Marian W. Wildman, 1901

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Who is it calling early,
A whistle, a refrain,
The morning dawning darkly,
The bushes wet with rain?
He saw the stars of morning
Behind the mists grow pale,
And then he whistled blithely
To wake the slumbering vale.
A big, brown bird is sitting
There in the leafless brush;
We know him by his long, queer
beak,
The bonnie curve-billed thrush.
He makes his fun so serious,
So earnest, yet so gay;
The farmer and the school-boy
He greets upon their way.
It's "stir it, stir it, stir it,"
"Dorothy, kiss me soon;"
He's mocking every songster
He heard in sunny June—
The California thrasher,
The winsome mocking-bird—
I live a richer, gladder life,
Since I his voice have heard.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS CALIFORNIANS



"A Californian is one who was born in California; or else one who was reborn in California."—Ella Sterling Mighels.

JUAN BAUTISTA ALVARADO—"One of California's finest native sons"; served as secretary of California territorial *diputacion* at age of seventeen; later president of *diputacion*; governor of California from 1836 to 1842; as governor, in 1837, made grant of Rancho San Juan Cajon de Santa Ana upon which now stand the cities of Anaheim, Fullerton, Placentia, and Brea; nephew of General Mariano Vallejo; grandson of General Limon, renowned conqueror of lower California; held in high esteem by both Americans and Mexicans; closely associated with leading California families; brilliant, courteous, and ardently devoted to the welfare of California; born February 14, 1809, at Monterey, California.

ABEL STEARNS—"A Yankee Caballero"; dominant foreigner during the Mexican period; arrived in Monterey in 1829 and came to Los Angeles; married Arcadia Bandini, beautiful daughter of a leading Californian; accumulated wealth rapidly; a delegate to 1849 California Constitutional Convention; one of California's largest land owners; confidential agent for United States government during the Civil War; member of State Assembly; promoter of Los Angeles—San Pedro Railroad; born February 9, 1798, at Lunenburg, Massachusetts.

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WINTER IN THE SIERRAS

CALIFORNIA history is interesting because the men and women who made it were interesting. Plenty of variety, too. Adventurers like Lola Montez, highway robbers like Black Bart, and railroad builders like Leland Stanford. Then there were modest, unassuming men like Snow-shoe Thompson.

It is a tribute to the sentimentality of Californians that Snow-Shoe is still remembered. He never amassed a fortune nor held public office. He just loved his fellow man.

Born In Norway

Thompson was born in Upper Tins, Prestijeld, Norway, on April 30, 1827, and came with his parents to the United States when he was ten years old. The family developed the roving foot of the pioneer, first settling in Illinois, then moving to Missouri, then to Iowa, and back to Illinois.

Snow-shoe had heard much of the California gold rush and when he was twenty-four years old he decided to go west and try his luck. He arrived at Hangtown (Placerville) in 1851. There and at Coon Hollow and Kelsey's Diggings he worked as a miner with indifferent success. After three years he took up ranching on the Putah Creek in the Sacramento Valley.

He was living there in the winter of 1855 when he read an account in a newspaper of the difficulties en-

The Saga of "Snow-shoe" Thompson

countered in getting the mails across the mountains on account of snow.

Makes Skis

Thompson reflected. He remembered his boyhood days in Norway. Why not make a pair of snow-shoes like the Norwegians used? Actually he was thinking of skis rather than snow-shoes. Selecting two straight oak logs from a pile he had been splitting for firewood, he carved out a pair of skis ten feet in length and four inches wide.

He had never tried skiing and started his practice by walking to Placerville! His skis seemed a bit heavy. (They had been fashioned out of green wood.) When he arrived at Placerville he put them on some scales and found that they weighed about twenty-five pounds.

He could have made new ones from lighter material, but he felt that he could not spare the time.

For several days he continued his practice on the hills near Placerville. He had a natural aptitude for skiing and when he felt himself fairly proficient he made a demonstration for the residents of the town. No one had ever seen such snow-shoes. They knew only those of the Canadian type.

A contemporary recorded, "Mounted upon his shoes—which were not unlike thin sled runners in appearance—and with his long balance-pole in his hands, he dashed down the sides of the mountains at such a fearful rate of speed as to cause many to characterize the performance as foolhardy. Not a few of his own friends among the miners begged him to desist, swearing roundly that he would dash his brains out against a tree, or plunge over some precipice and break his neck. But Thompson only laughed at their fears.

"With his feet firmly braced, and his balance-pole in his hands, he flew down the mountain slopes, as much at home as an eagle soaring and circling above the neighboring peaks. He did not ride astride his guide-pole, nor trail it by his side in the snow, as is the practice of other snow-shoers when descending a steep mountain, but held it horizontally before him, after the manner of a tight-rope walker."

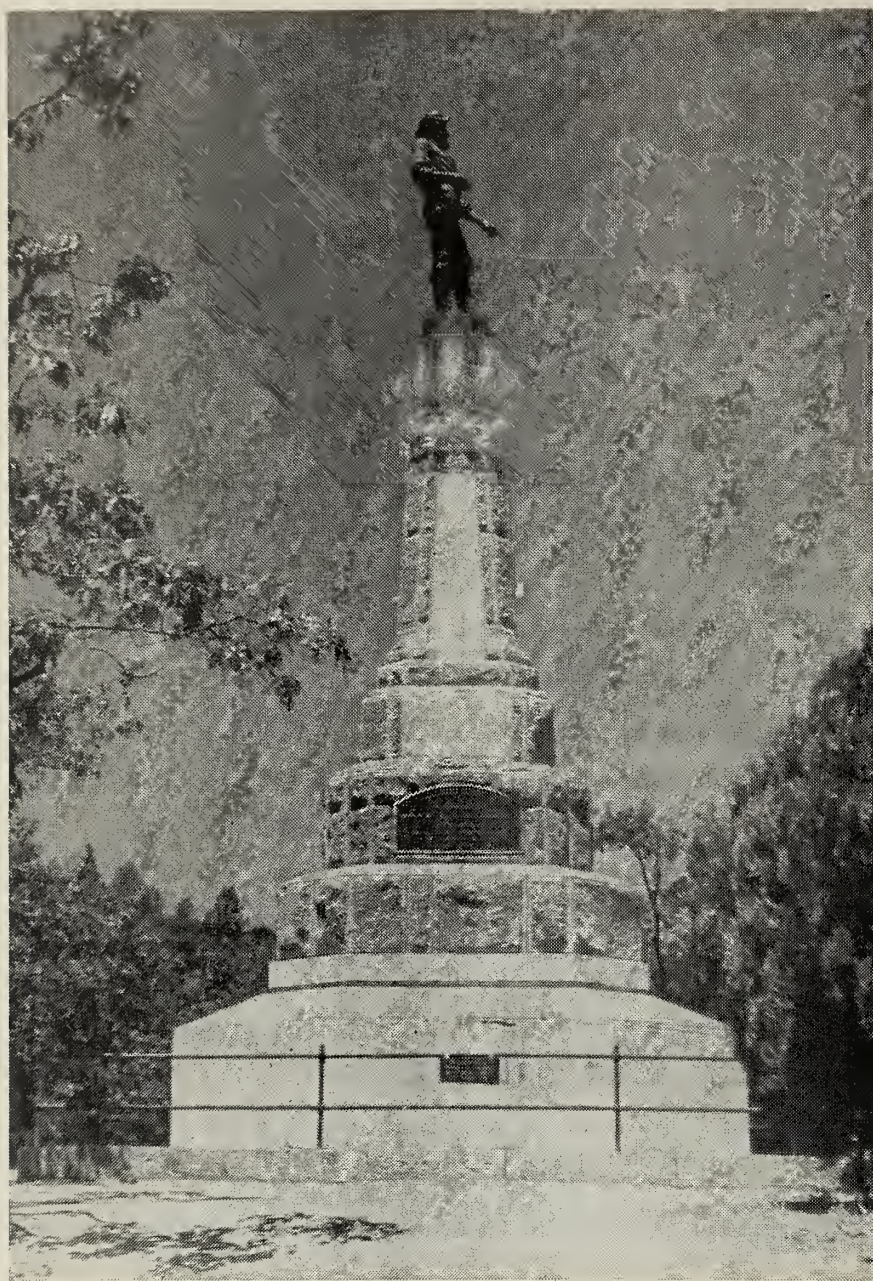
First Trip

Deciding that he had had sufficient experience, Thompson announced himself ready to carry the mails over the mountains. He made his first trip in January, 1856, travelling from Placerville to Carson Valley, a distance of ninety miles.

Writing in the *Overland Monthly*, Dan de Quille declared, "Having successfully made the trip to Carson Valley and back to Placerville, Snow-shoe Thompson became a necessity, and was soon a fixed institution between the two points all that winter. Through him was kept up the only land communication there was between the Atlantic States and California. No matter how wild the storms that raged in the mountains, he always came through, and generally on time.

"The loads that Snow-shoe Thompson carried strapped upon his

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MARSHALL MONUMENT AT COLOMA

GOLD was first discovered in California by accident! On March 9, 1842, Francisco Lopez y Arballo and a friend were searching for stray horses in Placerita Canyon near what is now the town of Newhall in Los Angeles County. At noon they dismounted from their horses and sat down to rest beneath an oak tree overshadowing a stream.

Lopez espied some wild onions which he dug up with his sheath knife. He noticed glittering particles of yellow metal in the earth adhering to the onion roots. Excitedly he called to his companion. Had he discovered a gold mine?

The two men collected a small quantity of the golden dust which they brought to Los Angeles. There, experienced miners from Mexico ad-

vised them that they had indeed found the precious metal.

The discovery precipitated a small gold rush to Placerita Canyon where mining operations continued until the Mexican War. The first gold mined in the area was brought to Abel Stearns' store in Los Angeles and there traded for provisions. Stearns sent this gold, amounting to about eighteen ounces, to the Philadelphia Mint where it netted him \$340.73.

The first gold strike in California was a modest one and occurred six years before Marshall's epochal find at Coloma.

Marshall Builds A Mill

California's greatest gold discovery was also an accident! In the summer of 1847, Captain John A. Sutter, who had carved out a medi-

eval type barony on the banks of the Sacramento River, announced that he needed a sawmill. One of his employes, James W. Marshall, a carriage maker from New Jersey, declared that he knew just the right location for such a mill. He described the site to be on the south fork of the American River, at a place the Indians called "Coloma."

Sutter and Marshall entered into a kind of partnership agreement whereby Sutter would furnish the men and materials and Marshall would superintend the building of the mill.

Marshall hired a number of Mormons who had served in the Mormon Battalion during the Mexican War. One of these men, Peter Wimmer, had his wife and children with him. Wimmer served as his assistant while Mrs. Wimmer cooked for the crew.

Building operations proceeded satisfactorily and by the middle of December the mill-wheel was set. However, the current of the river was not strong enough to turn the wheel and there was nothing else to do but deepen the tailrace.

Difficulty at Coloma

Harmony prevailed among the workmen until the Christmas holidays when Marshall was down at Sutter's Fort conferring with the captain. Then dissension broke out. There are several versions of the cause of the altercation, all of which revolve about the temperamental and tempestuous Mrs. Wimmer.

Some say that Captain Sutter had sent twelve bottles of brandy to Coloma, six for the workers and six for Mrs. Wimmer. It seems that the "boys" consumed Mrs. Wimmer's portion together with their own.

Some of the workmen claimed that Mrs. Wimmer played "favorites" and kept back choice dishes of food for her special friends. At any rate, on Christmas morning Mrs. Wimmer was in a bad mood. Henry Bigler, one of the workmen, noted in his diary that the irate cook announced that any person not appearing when called, would get no breakfast. For the occasion he composed the following rhyme:

"On Christmas morn in bed she swore

That she would cook for us no more,
Unless we'd come at the first call,
For I am mistress of you all."

GOLD DISCOVERY BY ACCIDENT

No doubt Mrs. Wimmer had plenty of provocation for taking the stand she took on that holiday morning. On Marshall's return, several days later, the disgruntled members of the crew got permission to move to a small house "in order to get rid of the Brawling, Partial Mistress, and cook for ourselves."

Gold Discovered

While Marshall was absent, his men followed his instructions for deepening the tailrace. However, at the time of his return they had not reached a satisfactory depth. By

building a dam in the river, Marshall succeeded in sluicing out the gravel and sand. In doing so he reached bed rock where he discovered shiny pieces of golden metal. The date was January 24, 1848.

In his diary, Henry Bigler wrote, ". . . this day some kind of mettle was found in the tail race that looks like goald, first discovered by James Martial, the Boss of the Mill."

Marshall's metallurgic tests were very primitive. First he bit on a specimen and found it soft and malleable. Next he immersed it in vine-

gar, his strongest acid. Finally he boiled it in some lye which Mrs. Wimmer had prepared for making soap. He was satisfied.

Riding at breakneck speed to Sutter's Fort he arrived in a downpour of rain. He demanded to see Captain Sutter alone. When the two men were seated in Sutter's private office, Marshall demanded "a redwood stick, two pieces of copper plate, some twine and a bowl of water."

"What do you want of this?"

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SITE OF GOLD DISCOVERY IN PLACERITA CANYON

He was born on Christmas Day. The air was crisp as cracker jack. Frost traced nursery pictures on the bedroom windows. Sleigh bells jingled past the house.

And Father said, He's born on a good day and he will be a good boy.

And later when Mother was stronger she hung a little bag of asafetida from a string around his neck. And now, she said, he'll be a healthy one.

* * *

Well of course nothing can hold back time. No not even a clock that isn't running. And when he was four years old one Christmas Day inside the house it was just like a party. The parlor was full of people and laughing. The fire in the grate licked the sides of its mouth with a red tongue. The Christmas tree stood in the corner near the front window. Stars and moons hung from it and long red and white striped candy canes and gingerbread men and candles and lots of things out of fairy stories.

All John's uncles and aunts and a few of his cousins were there and the preacher and his wife and some kissed each other and others just shook hands but all wanted to kiss him and they had presents for him many presents extra presents because his birthday came on the day it did and Mother gave him a blue sweater.

I made this myself, she said and she was proud about it and she looked around the room at everybody and then she put it on him and when she did his cheeks bulged out like two popcorn balls.

Don't pull at it, she said and she pushed down his hand, You'll get it out of shape.

Her voice was soft. Mother was small and her hair was the color of the maple leaves in fall.

Then Uncle Dan said, Look what I brought, and it was a little dog without a tail.

Call it Dodo, Uncle Dan said, and John said, Does it have mosquitoes, and Uncle Dan laughed, No mosquitoes Johnny.

But dogs do have mosquitoes, Johnny said.

Not mosquitoes Johnny.

His name is John, Father said to Uncle Dan just as he had many times before and John got down on his knees and put his arms around Dodo.

Some dogs have mosquitoes because I saw them, he said.

That's right Little Rooster, Uncle Dan said. If you have an idea stick tight to it.

Mother gave Uncle Dan a nice look and then she said, You can go out John. You can go out now and play with Dodo if you want to. And John wanted to and anyway he always minded his mother and both he and his mother always minded his father, and John said, Come on Dodo. Snowflakes made the out-

doors look like Mother's polka dot dress. The whole world was a colored post card.

John played and Dodo jumped up and down and he barked and rolled about like a ball of cotton in the wind and John laughed and clapped his hands and his round cheeks were as red as the coat Santa Claus wore and the neighbors said, He's got a dog now and My God what next. And in a little while, maybe a half hour maybe longer he came into the house where everybody was.

* * *

Aunt Dot was dainty and always smelled of perfume. She wore the prettiest clothes in town. Every month she purred for hours over the pictures in Peterson's Magazine.

We've got to watch him closer, Father said as if he were pressing down a thumbtack and his eyebrows drew over his eyes like a black curtain and he looked over at the preacher and the preacher folded his hands in front of him and looked up as if angels were painted on the ceiling.

Aunt Emmie and Uncle George didn't speak. They lived in the city and were just down for Christmas. Aunt Emmie was thin and white and Uncle George was thick and red and was Father's brother. He wore big whiskers and big whiskers made him look full of being important and knew all about God and angels and his voice was deep and loud and he

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How John Began

by Louis Danz

"Then Uncle Dan said,
Look what I brought,
and it was a little dog
without a tail."

• The author, Louis Danz, whose latest book *DYNAMIC DISSONANCE* has been nationally acclaimed, has just finished the manuscript of a new novel which is written in Basic English. We are very privileged to have it appear in successive installments of *CALIFORNIA HERALD* this year.



California Books

Recent books selected and reviewed
by Beatrice Cooke of the
Fullerton Public Library

VANCOUVER IN CALIFORNIA, 1792-1794; The Original Account of George Vancouver, edited by Marguerite Eyer Wilbur. (Glen Dawson, Los Angeles, 1954.)

"Vancouver's account of the Spanish settlements in California is the first major record of its kind to be published, and is still a classic of Californiana."

OLD SPANISH TRAIL; Santa Fe to Los Angeles, with extracts from contemporary records and including diaries of Antonio Armijo and Orville Pratte.

JOURNALS OF FORTY-NINERS; Salt Lake to Los Angeles, with diaries and contemporary records of Sheldon Young, James S. Brown, Jacob Y. Stover, Charles C. Rich, Addison Pratt, Howard Egan, Henry W. Bigler, and others.

These books by LeRoy R. and Ann W. Hafen are the first two volumes of **THE FAR WEST AND THE ROCKIES HISTORICAL SERIES, 1820-1875.** They present selections from important unpublished contemporary diaries, journals, letters and documents of explorers, padres, fur hunters, trail makers, packers, dispatch bearers, home seekers, official surveyors, horse thieves and slavers. These personal records catch the flavor of the times and form a true picture of the development of the period covered. (Arthur H. Clark Company, Glendale, 1954.)

THE OPENING OF THE CALIFORNIA TRAIL; The story of the Stevens Party from the reminiscences of Moses Schallenberger, by George R. Stewart. (University of California, Berkeley and Los Angeles, 1953.)

"The Stevens Party set out for the Pacific Coast in the spring of 1844 and opened the first wagon road to California. Their route became the western section of the original emigrant road to California and eventually was chosen for the main line of the Southern Pacific and highway U. S. 40. The historical importance of this intrepid crossing

has never been fully recognized probably because the chief document pertaining to the Stevens Party has remained almost unknown and unavailable. The document is Moses Schallenberger's own account of crossing the plains and of his winter-long vigil at Donner Lake, when he was seventeen years old, alone in a snow-buried cabin and with only foxes for food."

WESTERN WAYFARING: ROUTES OF EXPLORATION AND TRADE IN THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST by J. Gregg Layne. (Automobile Club of Southern California, Los Angeles, 1954.)

This book gives a brief description of seventeen famous trails which represent the American exploratory movement toward California, each illustrated with a map by Lowell Butler. An excellent index covers both text and maps.

WITH STEVENSON TO CALIFORNIA by James Lynch. (Bio-books, Oakland, 1954.)

James Lynch's lively, readable account of his experiences with the Stevenson Regiment which he joined in New York and accompanied to California by way of stormy Cape Horn, leaving New York in September 1846 and sailing through the Golden Gate on March 5, 1847. Mr. Joseph A. Sullivan says in his foreword to the book, "Lynch's account is one of the best available on the take-over from Mexico."

DEATH VALLEY SCOTTY TOLD ME—by Eleanor Jordan Huston. (The Franklin Press, Louisville, Kentucky, 1954.)

In her foreword Mrs. Huston, who with her husband had been Scotty's nearest neighbors in Death Valley, says in part: "Who was this tanned desert rat, dressed in blue suit, white hat, white shirt, and red necktie, who could pull \$50,000 from one boot top and a like amount from the other to pay for a faster ride from Los Angeles to Chicago than anyone else had ever had? He kept his name before the public for almost fifty years.

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Killed By A X Bear

The mystery of Peter LeBec who was

killed by a "x" (cross) or grizzly bear



WHO was Peter Lebec? That question has been asked for more than a hundred years and no one knows the answer! His name is perpetuated by a little village on Highway 99 near the boundary line of Los Angeles and Kern Counties. He lies buried beneath an oak tree at nearby Fort Tejon.

Ten years after his death the Mormon Battalion was marching northward to Sacramento. In following a natural route through the mountains the soldiers came to the head of **Canada de las Uvas** (Canyon of the Grapes.)

On July 31, 1847, one of the soldiers, Robert S. Bliss, wrote in his diary: "After staking out my horses I ascended the mountains to some spruce trees near the top. There I took a view of the mountain scenery; it was grand in the extreme. I saw many signs of bear, antelope, and deer, as this is a general watering place for those animals. I found the head of a bear which I brought to camp. Our Indian pilot said it was the bear that killed a man in this place. While I am writing, one of our boys said there was a grave a few rods from our camp. I quit writing and visited the grave."

On a large oak, from which a part of the bark had been stripped away, he read the carved inscription:

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PETER
LEBECK
KILLED
BY
A X BEAR
OCTr 17
1837

Another soldier, Henry W. Bigler, recorded in his diary, "On Saturday, July 31 . . . in the evening, we camped in a canyon in the mountains. Here we found cut in a tree near camp . . . 'Peter Lebeck, Killed by a bear Oct. 17, 1837.' Nearby was the skull and bleached bones of a grizzly bear. I felt sorry for the poor

man and called to mind that temples could be built and that baptism could be performed for the dead by their friends. Hence I made a note of this."

A "X" Bear

The cross between **A** and **Bear** is interesting. No doubt Lebec's friends meant to say that he was killed by a cross bear. By **cross**, did they mean angry or irritable? Probably not. It is more likely that **cross bear** was an old name for a grizzly as that species of bear has darker hair, more or less in the shape of an "X," along its back and shoulders.

Preservation of Grave

No doubt Lebec's grave would have been lost had it not been situated upon an important travel route. Many travelers after 1847 "discovered" the inscribed tree.

On January 7, 1854, Major General John E. Wool, in charge of the Department of the Pacific, ordered the erection of a military post at the head of **Canada de las Uvas**, as a protection against Indians. The initial contingent of the First Dragoons arrived in the following August and began the erection of Fort Tejon. The oak protecting Lebec's grave stood at the north corner of the fort's parade ground.

Bishop William I. Kip, well known Episcopal clergyman, visited Fort Tejon in the next year. In his diary, under date of October 11, 1855, he wrote: "The fort at the Tejon is on a little plain, entirely surrounded by high mountains, which give it a confined appearance. It is, however, beautifully situated in a grove of old oaks. Under one of these, which stands on the parade ground, in 1837, Peter Le Bec, an old hunter, was killed by a bear, and his companions buried him at its foot. They then stripped the bark for some three feet from the trunk of the tree; and carved on it an inscription surmounted by a cross, which remains to this day, though the bark is beginning to grow over it on all sides."

Without doubt, the establishment of the fort helped preserve the grave. Today the State of California protects Lebec's resting place.

Legends

Numerous theories have been devised to explain who Lebec was and why he was in California. By retelling these theories have become legends. For instance, there is a tradition that the man was a Louisianan, of Acadian descent, who came to California in 1836 from the Republic of Texas to incite the Indians against the local government.

Then there is the pretty story that Lebec had been an officer under Napoleon and had shared his exile on St. Helena. After the death of the great general he was supposed to have come to California to live.

The well known writer, Mary Austin, visualized Lebec as an old retired trapper who was a villain.

Best Theory

The best theory is that Lebec was a member of, or at least employed by the Hudson's Bay Company, many of whose men hunted and trapped in California each year. This theory is logical for several reasons. In the first place he must have had companions. Otherwise he would not have been buried. His friends knew the cause of his death.

His friends were English for they wrote his epitaph in English in a Spanish speaking land. Moreover, they probably misspelled his name. The letter "k" does not appear in the French language except for some few borrowed foreign words. **Bec** is French for **beak**.

It is altogether possible that Le Bec was a nickname. Maybe he had a big nose and was called "the beak" or "le bec" (like Schnozzle Durranty.) As the name of Peter Lebec has never been found among the records of the Hudson's Bay Company, the nickname theory has some merit.

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AT THE BAR

A FISHY TRIAL

Every person is entitled to a jury trial. That's the law. It's a good law, too, especially when the members of the jury happen to be your friends! Oscar Griffith found that out when he was hailed before the justice court at Catalina charged with catching lobsters in restricted waters.

Jury trials are very infrequent at Catalina. In fact there have only been six or seven such proceedings since the court was established at Avalon some thirty-seven years ago.

No doubt Justice Ernest Windle could have administered justice in an impartial manner, but Oscar probably assumed that twelve heads were better than one.

On the day of the trial, last December, Deputy District Attorney Richard E. Maher came over from the mainland to prosecute the case. Oscar didn't have any lawyer. In fact, there are no lawyers on Catalina Island.

Selecting a jury didn't take much time. Every man on the panel admitted knowing Oscar. Yes, knew him by his first name, as a matter of fact. Of course everybody promised, if chosen, to be impartial. And so a jury was speedily selected and sworn in.

Game Warden Jack Witwer took the stand and testified that he saw the defendant catch two lobsters in a closed area off Catalina Island. Moreover, he produced the incriminating crustaceans, now in a smelly state of decomposition. They were solemnly introduced into evidence.

Defendant Oscar wasn't quite sure of how to cross-examine the witness so several of the jury obligingly gave

a hand. Despite their efforts the warden was unshaken in his testimony.

It was now Oscar's turn to testify. He admitted that his boat had floated into the closed area. He explained that being of an artistic temperament he had sat motionless in his skiff watching the goats on the distant hills of Catalina come down to the shore at dusk. That was all there was to it! At least, so said Oscar.

The jury retired. Five minutes were consumed in selecting a foreman and casting a ballot. A knock on the door, answered by the bailiff. A verdict had been reached.

Smiling, the jurymen filed into the courtroom and took their seats.

"Not guilty!"

"Anybody got anything else to say?" inquired Justice Windle.

"Thanks, fellas," said Oscar.



SICKLE-BILLED THRUSH

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The morning's dewy hedges,

The cloud-enveloped moon,

The chaparral, the shadows,

The thrasher's startling tune;

A path all gray and gloomy,

A fleeting April rain.

A stealthy step to hear once more

That rapturous refrain.

—Lillian H. Shuey, 1901.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

The first land grant in California was made on October 20, 1784, when Governor Pedro Fages granted the *Rancho San Rafael* unto Jose Maria Verdugo. Portions of the cities of Burbank and Glendale lie within the borders of this old grant.

TENTH OLYMPIAD

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RIVERS THAT FAILED

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She said, "Both the Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers are by courtesy said to flow into the ocean, and are so represented on the maps; but as a matter of fact neither of them reaches that grand receptacle, but both lose themselves in the sand on the way. The San Gabriel after being lost once finds itself again, and makes a second effort to reach the ocean, but finally succumbs to destiny and the sand, and goes down to rise no more."

KILLED BY A BEAR

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Grave Opened

One point has been definitely settled. A body was buried beneath the oak. In the summer of 1890, members of an association, known as the Foxtail Rangers, opened the grave. They recorded that, "The body had been carefully laid in the tomb, due east and west by magnetic meridian."

Measurements showed that the unfortunate hunter was a man well over six feet tall. "The skull was noble, with lofty brow, wide between the eyes and jaws, and deep." Reverently, the remains were again covered.

The question remains unanswered. Who was Peter Lebec?

THEN AND NOW

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California Place Names



CRESCENT CITY

Crescent City in Del Norte county was settled by families who came to that locality from San Francisco in the summer of 1853 on the schooner, *Pomona*. It was so named from the crescent-shaped bay, formerly known as Paragon Bay, on which the townsite was established. Authorities differ as to whether the town was founded by J. F. Wendell or A. M. Rosborough, but all agree on the year 1853.

CROCKETT

In 1881 Thomas Edwards who had come to California in 1850 and settled at the site of the town in 1867, decided to lay out a townsite. It was named **Crockett** in honor of Judge Joseph B. Crocket, a mediator in the conflict between the San Francisco Vigilance Committee of 1856 and the State Officials. Judge Crockett became a justice of the California Supreme Court in 1867. A huge refinery of the California-Hawaiian Sugar Company is located here.

GARDEN GROVE

There are many towns throughout the United States bearing the generic name of **garden**.

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HOW JOHN BEGAN

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loved Aunt Emmie a lot so much that she had to say Yes to everything he wanted and No to what he didn't want and she always wore a black dress or a grey one.

She's a good woman, Uncle George would say and he would nod his head and his double chin would shake like a Sunday pudding. She does my way, he would say.

Father used to have another brother too.

But he went out west and played cards.

One day he was shot like a pigeon.

Well Uncle Dan couldn't keep still after he heard what Father said to little John so he spoke out, If you hold an eel too tight you can't hold him.

Uncle Dan was Mother's older brother and had a little smile and a little beard and a little drug store. His beard came to a point under his chin. Whenever he spoke he said each word as if he were weighing it on his apothecary scales. Father always said Uncle Dan was small enough to weigh himself on his own scales.

Well of course lots of times Father didn't like Uncle Dan even if he was smart and was Mother's brother and so he said, Someone has to point to the stars.

Yes, Uncle Dan said, but for Heaven's sake don't try to make the trip.

Father fixed his tie.

It was black.

Father always wore a black tie.

He was a thin short man and his dark mustache went straight across his face like a quarter to three on a clock and whenever he was thinking he would pull at his mustache like a boy pulling a cat's tail.

His nose was straight as an arrow.

And his shirts and all his clothes were always like that. His small eyes could make a funny tingle go up and down your back. Dan, he said, you'll cut yourself with your tongue some day. And he lowered his head like a bird ready to fly and walked away.

* * *

Well that night long after John had gone to bed and Mother had tucked his covers tight around him and kissed him more than three times and said sweet things to him and all the company had gone Father and Mother sat in the kitchen and talked until both hands on the clock leaned towards the morning.

John's bedroom was over the kitchen and a little iron register in the floor let the heat from the cook stove float up to his bed and when people were talking in the kitchen John could hear and see them and so tonight it was like that and at first he went to sleep and then he woke up

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A COUNTY JUDGE IN ARCADY; Selected Private Papers of Charles Fernald, Pioneer California Jurist, with an introduction and notes by Cameron Rogers. (The Arthur H. Clark Company, Glendale, 1954.)

In his introduction, Mr. Rogers says: "At nineteen a miner on the Mother Lode, a virtually self-taught lawyer and member of the California bar at twenty-two, and before he was twenty-three successively sheriff, district-attorney and judge of Santa Barbara County. He and his type of California pioneer were like the color which remained in the pan of the miner when the dross had

been flung away." This is a biography which truly represents that element in the history of early California which survives chaos and political corruption to create a great state.

OLD CALIFORNIA HOUSES; Portraits and Stories, by Marion Randall Parsons. (University of California, 1953.)

The San Francisco Call-Bulletin says: "There is whimsy, nostalgia and a quick sense of recreated life in these brief essays on old houses and the people who once lived in them . . . a nice mingling of factual history and the color of a people and culture of another day."

This is a pleasing book in every way, with a complete and practical list of sources, one for each chapter, in the back. Incidentally, the first source quoted in Chapter I is **DUFLOT DE MOFRA'S TRAVELS ON THE WEST COAST** (Marguerite Eyer Wilbur, translator) a two volume set published in 1937 by the Fine Arts Press of Santa Ana.

DEATH CUES THE PAGEANT by Edward Maddin Ainsworth. (Arcadia, 1954.)

The background for this mystery novel is the Ramona Pageant presented yearly at Hemet, California.

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HOW JOHN BEGAN

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and heard the talking and he crept out from under his covers and looked down through the register.

He's my lamb, my little lamb, he listened to his mother say.

And I want him to always stay a lamb, Father said and his voice was loud.

You'll wake him, Mother said and she pointed up toward the register in the ceiling.

Train up a child in the way he should go, Father said in a softer voice, and when he is old he will not depart from it. He looked at Mother. That's from Proverbs, he said.

* * *

That night when John was in bed he could see the moon from his pillow. It was as big as the bottom of mother's wash tub and made of real silver. The snow covered everything outside the window with tinsel from his Christmas tree.

John's eyes closed.

CARTOONIST DIES

J. Brandon Walsh, composer and cartoonist, died in New York City on January thirteenth.

He was well known as the creator of the comic strip, *Little Annie Rooney*. Walsh was a resident of Eureka, California.

HE FLUNKED!

When Cliff McBride was a boy he attended Pasadena High School. There he took an art course and flunked!

Later he became famous as the originator of the comic strip, *Napoleon and Uncle Elby*.

FIRST WOMAN DENTIST

Dr. Emma T. Read, 97, credited with being the nation's first woman dentist, passed away at San Diego on January seventh.

A native of Missouri, she was the first woman to receive the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from Northwestern University. Dr. Read practiced her profession in San Diego for almost forty years.

GOLD DISCOVERY

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asked the captain.

"I want to make a pair of scales."

"I have scales in the apothecary room."

"I hadn't thought of that," was the answer.

In order to humor his employee whom he knew to be eccentric, Sutter brought in the scales.

Marshall pulled out a dirty rag, opened it and revealed his discovery. "I think it's gold," he whispered.

Sutter examined the metal. Then he took down a volume from his set of encyclopedias and checked on tests for gold. He had some nitric acid on hand and conducted such experiments as he could. At the conclusion he said, "Yes, I believe it's gold."

"Let's get over to the mill right away," urged Marshall.

"It's raining too much," protested Sutter, "Let's wait until tomorrow."

Marshall was adamant. He rushed out of the office, mounted his tired horse and started for the American River.

Sutter pondered. In a flash he visualized the future. All that he had worked so hard for would be lost with the inrush of gold seekers. His



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vision proved to be only too true. His loss would be the gain of others. All on account of the discovery of gold by accident!

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Upon returning to the mill, Marshall had a talk with his workmen. He said, "You know the General always carries a good bottle. He's coming up here. Let's all take a little of the gold we've found and sprinkle it along the bank for the old man to pick up. Then we'll be sure of a good drink."

Everybody agreed. It was a good idea and was carried out.

Sutter arrived late on the next day. He went to the Wimmer cabin where all greeted him. Tomorrow he would examine the mill and look for gold.

In the midst of the conversation one of the little Wimmer boys came in with outstretched hand.

"Look what I've found—gold! I found it right on the bank!"

There was the gold that was to have been Sutter's surprise. Nobody remembers whether the bottle was passed around.

On the following day the captain did find enough gold to make for himself a ring inside of which he had inscribed, "The first gold found in California." Sutter asked his workmen to keep the discovery secret until the mill was finished. The men faithfully carried out their pledge to do so.

But no such event can long remain hidden. A short time afterwards a teamster came to the Wimmer home with provisions. The same little talkative Wimmer boy blurted out the news, "We've found gold."

"Oh, no, you haven't," challenged the teamster.

"Yes, we have; you ask my ma!"

Mrs. Wimmer came to the door, bursting with importance. Indeed yes, gold had been discovered. Would he like to have a sample to take back with him? Yes, he would.

Upon his return to Fort Sutter, the teamster went immediately to the saloon kept by Sam Brannan. "Gimme a drink," he demanded. The bartender eyed him suspiciously for he

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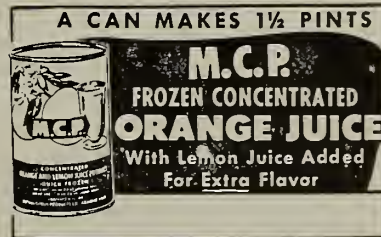
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GOLD DISCOVERY

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had the reputation of being a drunk and most of the time out of funds.

"Let's see your money," he demanded.

Very smartly the teamster pulled out a small sack and threw it upon the bar. "There it is; gold; and plenty more where it came from."

The secret was out. Brannan hurried to Sutter's office and asked if it were true that gold had been discovered at the mill. Yes, it was true, admitted Sutter with a heavy heart.

Back at the mill, James Marshall dreamed of the fortune which he never made. However, he would always be remembered. As one Fortyniner wrote in doggerel verse,

"Yet, the years may chase each other
Down the rugged steps of time,
The world may lose its harmony,
Life's song its merry rhyme,
But forever and forever
The story of the mill
And the man who dug the mill-race
Will linger with us still."

Bennager Raspberry

There were other gold discoveries by accident. Take the case of Bennager Raspberry of Angels Camp. Bennager was a miner whose hobby

was hunting. Moreover, he never let his work interfere with his hobby.

One day he was out shooting jack-rabbits when he had difficulty with his old muzzle-loader. Somehow the ramrod stuck in his gun and no amount of pulling would dislodge it.

In desperation Bennager aimed his musket at the base of a manzanita bush and pulled the trigger. Fortunately for himself the gun did not burst and the ramrod struck into the roots of the bush. As Bennager went over to his target he noticed a broken piece of quartz rich in gold. Tracing the ore to its source he took out seven hundred dollars in gold in an afternoon. The following day he made two thousand dollars and on the next seven thousand!

Bennager made a fortune from the mine which he discovered by accident. Raspberry Lane preserves the memory of the miner who liked to hunt jackrabbits.

George McKnight's Cow

At Grass Valley, George McKnight had a cow with a perverse nature. She wasn't mean like Mrs. O'Leary's cow that started the Chicago fire. She just liked to run away.

On one of her rambling jaunts her master followed her over to Boston

Ravine. It was rough ground and as McKnight breathlessly reached a small hill he stubbed his toe on an outcropping of quartz.

In doing so, he did two things: he fell down and he broke off a piece of rock. Gold! The rest of the story is lost, but George probably never searched any further for his cow that day.

By accident he started quartz mining in the Grass Valley district, now famous for such deep mines as the Idaho-Maryland and the North Star.

Nigger Joe

There was a saying among early California miners that "niggers, sailors and Dutchmen" were the luckiest prospectors. Take the case of Nigger Joe. It proved the truth of the superstition!

Joe had been searching for gold around Tuttletown for quite some time. Whenever he located a likely claim some white man would come along and drive him away. It was thoroughly discouraging.

One Sunday morning Joe wandered into a saloon where a group of miners were gathered. Taking off his hat in a respectful manner (he had been a slave) Joe asked, "Does any ob you genlemens know where




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body ever disturbed him or challenged his rights.

Gold at a Funeral

In his book, *Mountains and Molehills*, Frank Marryat narrates an oft repeated story of gold found at a funeral. He says,

"A miner of the neighborhood, who had the reputation of having been a prominent and powerful preacher in the eastern states, was called upon to officiate at a funeral and he consented to do so. After assembling and taking 'drinks all around' the party proceeded with becoming gravity to the grave, which had been dug at a distance of about one hundred yards from the camp.

"When the spot was reached and the body lowered, the minister commenced an extempore prayer, while the crowd reverently fell upon their knees. For a while, all went well; but the prayer was unnecessarily long and at last some of the congregation began, in an abstracted way, to finger the loose earth that had been thrown up from the grave.

"It proved to be thick with gold, and an excitement was immediately apparent in the kneeling crowd. Upon this the preacher stopped and inquiringly asked, 'Boys, what's that?' took a view of the ground for himself, and, as he did so, shouted, 'Gold! Gold!—and the richest kind of diggings! The congregation is dismissed!' The dead miner was taken from his auriferous grave to be buried elsewhere, while the funeral party, with the minister at their head, lost no time in prospecting and staking out new diggings!"

No doubt Marryat's story is far-fetched, but it does illustrate the fact that much gold was discovered by accident.

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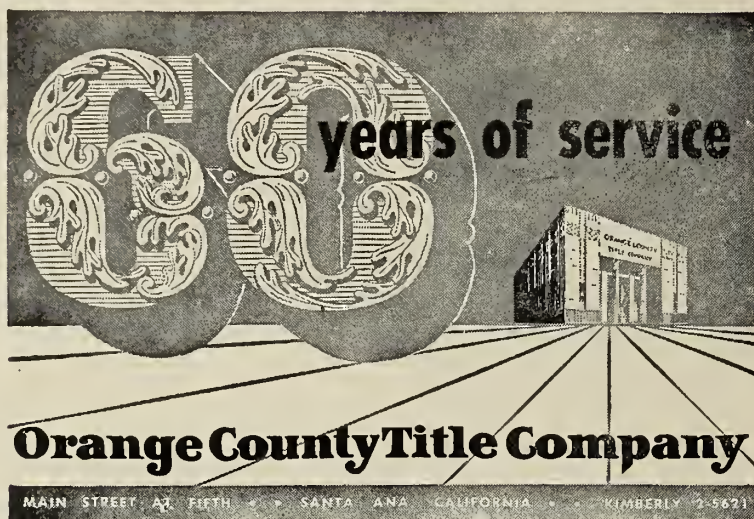


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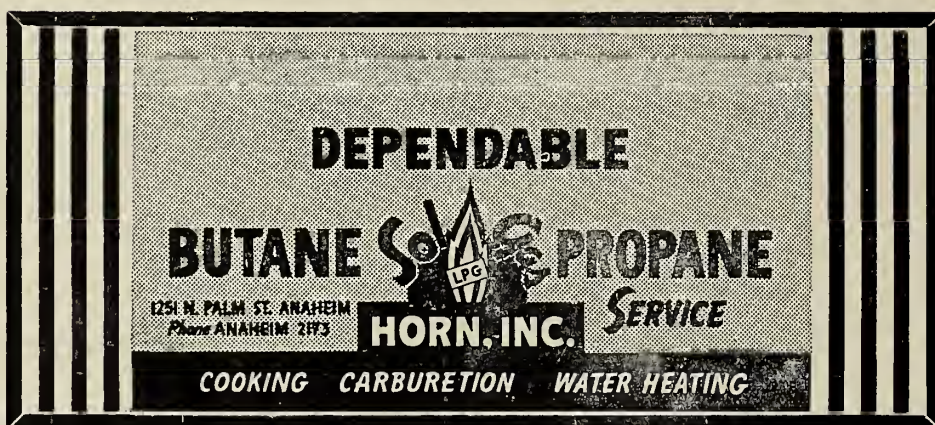
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A native of Chicago, Kaufman commenced his career in motion pictures in 1912 at Santa Barbara with the American Film Co.

Among his well known productions were the Charlie Chan pictures, "Affectionately Yours," and "Barriade."

SNOW-SHOE THOMPSON

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back would have broken down an ordinary man, though wearing common shoes and traveling on solid ground. The weight of the bags he carried were ordinarily sixty to eighty pounds.

"In going from Placerville to Carson Valley, owing to the great amount of uphill traveling, three days were consumed; whereas, he was able to go from Carson Valley to Placerville in two days, making forty-five miles a day. Not a house was then found in all that distance. Between the two points was a Siberia of snow.

"Snow-shoe's night camps—when ever the night was such as prevented him from pursuing his journey, or when it was necessary for him to obtain sleep—were generally made wherever he happened to be at the moment. He always tried, however, to find the stump of a dead pine, at which to make his camp. After setting fire to the dry stump, he collected a quantity of fir or spruce boughs, with which he constructed a sort of rude couch or platform on the snow. Stretched upon his bed of boughs, with his feet to the fire, and his head resting upon one of Uncle Sam's mail bags, he slept as soundly as if occupying the best bed ever made . . . He sometimes crawled under shelving rocks, and there made his bed of boughs, building a small

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Thompson always travelled light. He never carried blankets nor an overcoat. His food was limited to a small quantity of jerked beef or dried sausages and a few crackers. He never took with him any kind of alcoholic liquor. After a few trips he abandoned the practice of carrying a revolver.

Other Service

Thompson performed many other services besides carrying the mail. For instance, he brought the Mormons of Carson Valley the news that the Californians had invented a new square dance called "The Mormon Cotillion, or Heaven on Earth," in which each gentleman had two partners instead of one!

On one occasion he found James Sisson in a cabin in Lake Valley nearly starved to death and with both feet so badly frozen that he was unable to walk. Snow-shoe left the sick man with fire and food and went on to Placerville where he persuaded five men to accompany him back to bring Sisson out of the valley. They contrived a makeshift sled and brought the disabled man over the summit and down to Carson. There Dr. Dagget informed them that it would be necessary to amputate both of Sisson's feet.

There was no chloroform in Carson Valley, so Snow-shoe immediately fastened on his skis and made the two day trip to Placerville, got the anaesthetic and returned to Carson.

Request for Pay

After twelve years of transporting the mail on skis, Thompson's work ended with the coming of the railroad. He had received virtually nothing for his work and he decided to ask the government for payment.

He thought that six thousand dollars was a fair compensation and in 1874 he prepared a petition to Congress for this amount. His petition was signed by all of the state officials of Nevada. That winter he went to Washington to press his claim. All he ever received were some promises.

John A. "Snow-shoe" Thompson passed away on his ranch in Diamond Valley, about thirty miles south of Carson City, on May 15, 1876. He rests in a tomb at Genoa, Nevada, upon which is carved a pair of snow-shoes.



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GUS ARNHEIM

Gus Arnheim, band leader and composer, passed away at his home in Beverly Hills on January nineteenth, following a heart attack. He was well known for such popular compositions as "Sweet and Lovely," "I Cried for You," and "I Surrender Dear."

Born fifty-six years ago in Philadelphia, Arnheim received his musical education at the Chicago Conservatory of Music. Thirty-five years ago he began his career on Broadway with Sophie Tucker at Reisenweber's Cafe.

Coming to Los Angeles he enjoyed an eight year engagement as band leader at the Hotel Ambassador's Coconut Grove. Here he assisted many struggling singers and musicians to stardom. He started Bing Crosby on the road to fame when he presented him with the "Rhythm Boys." Arnheim also introduced Russ Colombo, Loyce Whiteman, Shirley Ross, Donald Novis, Harry Barris, and the Downey Sisters.

He devoted much time to composing music for motion pictures. It is recalled that he furnished musical scores for Gilda Grey's "shimmy" dances.

In the eulogy which Rabbi Maxwell Dubin delivered at the funeral services held at the Wilshire Boulevard Temple, Arnheim was compared to the man described in the Talmud who made others happy with his music.

At the time of his death the great band leader had been a resident of Los Angeles for twenty-five years.

THE PARTING HOUR

There's something in the parting
hour,
Will chill the warmest heart;
Yet kindred, comrades, lovers,
friends,
Are fated all to part.
But this I've seen—and many a
pang
Has pressed it on my mind—
The one that goes is happier
Than those he leaves behind.

—Edward Pollock

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS CALIFORNIANS



"A Californian is one who was born in California; or else one who was reborn in California."—Ella Sterling Mighels.

LELAND STANFORD—Governor; one of the "Big Four"; admitted to law practice, New York courts, 1848; came to California July 12, 1852, by way of Nicaragua; delegate to famous Republican National convention of 1860; elected governor of California 1861; bred race horses as a hobby; one of the builders of the **Central Pacific Railroad**; founder of Leland Stanford Jr. University; born near Albany, New York, March 9, 1824.

CHARLES FLETCHER LUMMIS—"Authority on the Southwest"; served as city editor of Los Angeles Times 1885-1887; librarian, Los Angeles Public Library, 1905-1910; true friend and champion of the Indian; did much to save early Missions from ruin; founder and editor of "Land of Sunshine" (later called "Out West") magazine; real founder of Southwest Museum; best known books are "The Land of Poco Tiempo" and "The Spanish Pioneers"; knighted by the King of Spain, 1915; born Lynn, Massachusetts, March 1, 1859.

LUTHER BURBANK—"Developer of New Plant Life"; had meager formal education; came to Santa Rosa, California, in 1875; eminent self-taught scientist; originated new varieties of fruits, vegetables and flowers; born Lancaster, Massachusetts, March 7, 1849.

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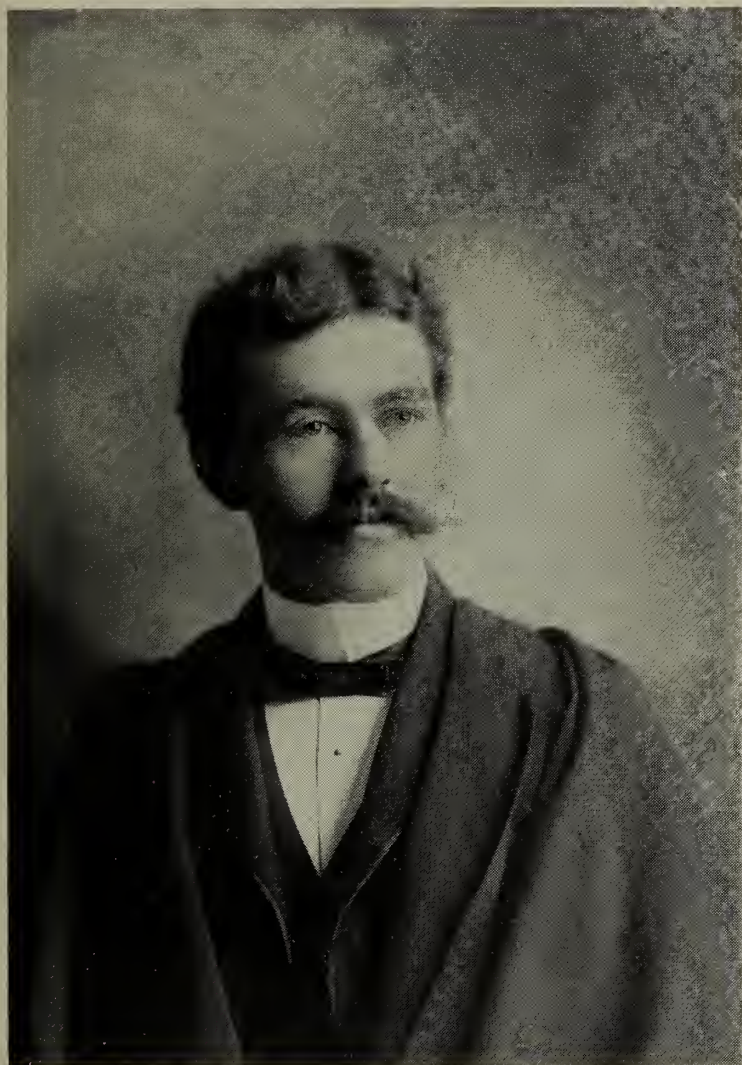
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THE MEMOIRS OF HERBERT ALLAN JOHNSTON, M.D.



DR. JOHNSTON IN 1898

IN his memorable essay, *The Vision of Mirza*, Joseph Addison writes, "Man is but a shadow, and life a dream." Yet in a quick retrospect of life one cannot but remember at least some of its realities, its sunshine and shadow, its victories and failures, its joys and sorrows, which when added together, constitute what the famous essayist termed, in his hours of musing, but a dream.

Retrospect

Looking backward through a period of more than fourscore years, I am impressed by some of the truths of Mirza's dream. I have witnessed the doubling of the average duration of human life. To me, this fact, along with the remarkable decrease in infant mortality, form a part of science's greatest achievements, and to have lived through this period of

helpful discoveries and to have witnessed the eradication of so many of the diseases which, in the early years of my life, destroyed many families, has been a great satisfaction. Here let me offer my humble tribute to that faithful army of professional men and women whose research in the field of preventive medicine has accomplished such priceless results.

It is not my purpose to turn this story into a treatise on medical science, but rather to record some of the incidents that might be of interest to my friends and others, especially if they have played a part in the drama of a simple life which, here, is centered more or less in myself.

Early Life

I was born on October 8, 1873, in the village of Minesing, near Barrie, Ontario, Canada, in a log house that

I have been told was constructed about 1820, but which was in good repair when we lived in it. At that time my father was a farmer, but when I was twelve years of age he purchased a store in Minesing and during the next few years I spent most of my time with my father in his mercantile business.

Both my father and mother were anxious that I should have a good education. For some time I was undecided as to what course of study to pursue for my life work. I graduated from the Barrie Collegiate Institute and was ready to enter the University of Toronto.

I made no decision of what studies I would specialize in until one Wednesday morning in October, 1894, when I decided to study medicine.

When I informed Mother of my decision I found that she had a few ideas of her own that were not very complimentary to my plan, the profession I had chosen or my fitness to become a member of that profession. She told me of the drudgery of medical practice, how the doctor must be on call night and day and how he often lost hours of necessary rest and sleep. But worst of all, she pointed out what she deemed to be my own natural unfitness for surgery.

"Why," she exclaimed, "you know you can't even cut the head off a chicken!"

Arguments notwithstanding, on the following Friday I was on a train bound for Toronto, arriving just one month before the opening of the university's fall semester.

Illness

During the summer months following my third year in medical school I underwent a strenuous internship in a hospital. I developed a bad cough which led to my being examined on return to the university. The diagnosis was tuberculosis of the lungs. The medical faculty advised me to leave at once for Southern California because the mildness of the climate had cured so many people afflicted as I was.

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SYNOPSIS

John's birthday fell on Christmas Day so all his relatives came and celebrated both occasions with John and Mother and Father. Mother was small with hair the color of maple leaves in fall. Father was a thin, short man whose dark mustache went straight across his face like a quarter to three on the clock. He always wore a black tie.

Uncle Dan, who was Mother's brother, owned an apothecary shop. His wife, Aunt Dot, was dainty and always smelled of perfume. Uncle George was thick and red and wore big whiskers that made him look awfully important, and he was Father's brother. Aunt Emmie was a thin, white woman that didn't talk much except to say Yes to everything Uncle George wanted and No to what he did not want.

Part two

THE town was built long before the railroad came. That's why the depot was a mile away. Almost everybody grumbled. It will take forty years for us to catch up to our depot, they said. It's like putting the horse behind the wagon.

Father said, It will make a boom.

It will bring people as hard as the rails, Uncle Dan said.

But it didn't. Nobody came.

And the town sank back to where it hadn't changed.

It stuttered for about half a mile along the north bank of the river. In the summer big trees higher than the church steeples splotched the hot sky with green. In the fall the dead leaves danced in the wind. The first snow was the last to melt.

Just below the bend in the river the water spread out into a make-believe lake.

Here in the summer there were boats and canoes.

And good fishing, Cy Perkins always said and once he added, Just invented a new hook for croppies.

People winked when Cy spoke. He was sexton in the church and rang the bell and he was janitor at the school and rang the bell and he

invented things nobody could use.

The bend in the river was important. Here when the water was warm Uncle Dan taught Johnny to float and to swim. And here in the fall the skaters always found the first ice. Ice that was smooth and blue.

In the town the houses were far apart as if they had grown from seeds dropped by the wind. From one end of the main street to the other was no farther than a twenty-two rifle could shoot. Some of the buildings had never had paint on them. The others didn't get enough. Store fronts went up higher than

That's where traveling men would stay overnight.

If there were any.

It was a regular boarding house with the regular smell of cooking downstairs and the regular smell of bad plumbing upstairs and prunes before breakfast to give you an appetite and prunes after dinner to take it away and Mrs. Grady was big and round and her face bulged with the fat the rest of her body didn't have room for. Her brogue was as wide as the river at the bend. When she called her husband Darling she always left off the g.

He worked behind the bar at Mike's Place.

The people around town called him Smelly Grady and the name stayed with him like the reason for it. His mustache made anyone think of the wings of a sparrow and whenever Mrs. Grady said, You're nothing but a drunkard, Smelly would say, Shut up.

Up the street above the post office a music store stared out of the middle of the block. At one end of the store hanging over the sidewalk was an old sign made like a pair of eyeglasses big enough for the whole town to see its faults through and it said Glasses Fitted. On the other end of the store another sign said Toys in faded letters as big as a bob-sled.

In the center over the door Father put up his own sign and it read Walt's Big Music Store.

Father had never taken the old signs down. Maybe he thought when old people want their eyes fixed up they would come in and when young people want to buy toys they would come in. That gave him three chances and three is a lucky number.

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the
sparrow

and
canary

by
louis danz

Illustrations by
Naoma Sell

their roofs like boys' caps with the visors turned up. Mike's Place was on the main corner and next to it was Mrs. Schultz's Bakery and further down the block Dutchy and his shoe-fixing shop and Jeff's Barber Parlor came next.

It was no bigger than a clothes closet.

On the lower corner Uncle Dan's drug store had big windows on both streets. Jasper's General Store took up half the next block. Then came the town hall and the little red jail.

Across from Uncle Dan's place and about half way up the block Grady's Boarding House leaned out into the street like a shock of corn in the wind.

... The Great Seal of California ...



The above engraving appeared in the "Annals of San Francisco," published in 1854. There it is explained that the design "represents the bay of San Francisco as emblematic of the City and State." The artist has portrayed the grizzly as a rather weak, inoffensive animal, much different from the fierce and aggressive one shown on the present seal.

IF you have ever examined the Great Seal of the State of California you have probably wondered about the central figure on the design. Who is that lady in flowing robes wearing a plumed helmet, a shield by her side and a spear in her hand?

Her name is Minerva, the ancient goddess of wisdom, and the symbol of California. According to Roman mythology she was born by springing full grown from the brain of Jupiter. For this reason she typifies California which was also born full grown by springing into statehood without experiencing the usual probationary period as a territory!

The Seal's Origin

The seal was adopted at the California constitutional convention which met at Monterey in 1849. The man responsible for its creation was Lt. Robert S. Garnett, a young army officer who was an interested observer at the sessions. No one today can prove why Garnett was at Monterey at the time, but it is believed that he was serving as a secret assistant to Thomas Butler King who was then traveling about California as the confidential investigator of President Zachary Taylor.

One evening Garnett sketched his idea of an appropriate seal. His design was much more simple and classic than the one ultimately adopted. It consisted of Minerva sitting by the Golden Gate, a ship in full sail on the Bay, the Sierra Nevada in the background and above, the word "Eureka."

The artist showed his drawing to one of the delegates who enthusiastically asked permission to present it to the Convention for consideration. Garnett demurred. The military was not very popular in California at the time and he felt that if the authorship of the design was revealed that the sketch would be rejected.

The Sketch Introduced

Caleb Lyon, one of the clerks of the Convention, learned of the proposed seal and suggested that he submit it as his own work. To this Garnett consented. And so the design was presented and committee appointed to consider it.

The committee members were not content to leave well enough alone. They would make a few improvements! What they produced is shown in the illustration on this page.

To begin with, they added a grizzly bear. This was done to please

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one of the delegates, Major Jacob R. Snyder of Benicia, who had participated in the Bear Flag Revolt. Then a bunch of grapes was introduced to symbolize the agricultural interests of southern California.

Of course mining was the most important industry of the State and so it was not extraordinary that a miner should be included. He stands, wielding a pickaxe, a rocker and gold pan by his side. In its report the committee explained that the miner illustrated "the golden wealth of the Sacramento upon whose waters are seen shipping, typical of commercial greatness." It must be admitted that the full rigged sailing vessels on the seal appear rather large for the Sacramento River. Apparently the committee had forgotten that the original design was intended to depict the Golden Gate and San Francisco Bay.

Appropriately, thirty-one stars were added to represent "the number of States of which the Union will consist upon the admission of California." The Convention was informed that **Eureka**, Greek for "I have found," applied "either to the principle involved in the admission of the State, or the success of the miner at work."

Debate

Delegate Rodman M. Price, who later became governor of New Jersey, introduced a resolution calling for the adoption of the design submitted by the committee. Thereupon the debate commenced. O. M. Wozencraft proposed that "the seal be amended by striking out the figures of the gold-digger and the bear, and introduced instead bags of gold and bales of merchandise." This idea got nowhere.

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WOODBIDGE SEMINARY:

A Pioneer Adventure in Education

by Naomi McCallum Carey

IT was a chance remark that inspired the building of Woodbridge Seminary! Back in the early Seventies, T. H. Burkett and Charles L. Newton were working together in a butcher shop at Woodbridge. Suddenly Burkett turned to his friend.

"Say, Charlie, what do you think can be done to liven things up a bit?"

Newton reflected. "Well, we might get the town interested in building a high school. That's what we need."

So the idea was born. The men went about town circulating a subscription list which Judge Albert S. Thomas had prepared for them on a piece of butcher paper. About five thousand dollars was subscribed.

At first the townspeople made much fun of the affair, but to James F. Folger it was no joke. So thoroughly did he believe in the project that he not only offered to cash the list for ninety-five cents on the dollar but also expressed his belief that an additional five thousand dollars, which was needed, could also be

raised. He proved right in his conjecture for within two weeks the required amount was obtained and seven acres of land purchased as a site for the new school.

So the farmers built their school. It was agreed that S. L. Morehead was to conduct the school and if he did so satisfactorily for five years that the school property would be his! Unfortunately the contract had to be cancelled and the school stood idle for several years.

In 1879, James Alexander Sollinger suggested to the United Brethren Conference that it take over the school. A committee investigated the matter and arrangements to do so were made. Thus Woodbridge Seminary came into being!

Sollinger had come on horseback to California in 1862. He was a native of Crawford County, Ohio, having been born there in 1842. He had taught in his home state before coming west. His life work was that of education and it was only natural that he was chosen as the first president of Woodbridge Seminary. This much needed center of education grew and earned for Woodbridge the title of "The Athens of San Joaquin County."

Colonel F. T. Gilbert, an early historian of the county wrote in 1879, "It is with solicitude that parents send their children away to cities to complete their education; thus throwing them at an inexperienced age, among influences, the pernicious effects of which often cast a shadow over their whole lives, or lead them into paths that wither the bright promise of their youth."

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THE BUILDING IN 1922

"It was the realization of these facts, together with a favorable locality, combined with a desire to shield their own offspring, that suggested and inaugurated the movement of the farmers and village people of Woodbridge to form an association, the object of which was to

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ANITA WHITNEY

Charlotte Anita Whitney, 87, California's most prominent communist, passed away at her home in San Francisco on February fourth.

A scion of a well to do eastern family, she was the niece of three great men, Stephen J. Field, David D. Field and Cyrus W. Field. Stephen J. Field was once the chief justice of the California Supreme Court and was an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States for over thirty-four years. David D. Field, a distinguished lawyer, was the author of the famous law codes of New York after which those of California were patterned. Cyrus W. Field was a financier who promoted the first transatlantic cable.

Miss Whitney veered away from the traditions of her family. A graduate of Wellesley, she came to California in 1901 and served for seven years as secretary of the Associated Charities of Oakland. In 1910 she became president of the College Suffrage League and also served as secretary of the Travelers Aid.

She joined the Socialist party in 1914 and became a charter member of California's Communist Labor Party.

On February 20, 1920, an Alameda County superior court jury returned a verdict finding her guilty of violating the California Criminal Syndicalism Act. Judge Quinn sentenced her to a term of from one to fourteen years in San Quentin Prison. A seven year fight to upset the conviction proved unsuccessful. The judgment against her was affirmed by both the District Court of Appeal and the California Supreme Court. Governor Friend W. Richardson steadfastly rejected all petitions to pardon her.

Finally the United States Supreme Court agreed to hear the case. On May 16, 1927, it held that the Criminal Syndicalism Act was constitutional and Miss Whitney's appeal was denied.

In the meantime C. C. Young had been elected governor. He viewed Miss Whitney as a "poor, misguided individual," declaring, "whatever may be thought of her misdirected sympathies, Miss Whitney, life long friend of the unfortunate, in any true sense is not a criminal, and to condemn her at sixty years of age to a felon's cell is an action which is ab-

California Place Names



AVALON

George R. Shatto purchased Catalina Island from the trustees of the estate of James Lick on August 11, 1887, for \$200,000. He paid \$66,666.70 in cash and gave a mortgage for the balance.

In the following year he laid out a townsite on what the Indians called the Bay of the Seven Moons. The new village was known as Shatto's City. Neither Shatto nor his wife were satisfied with the name and they sought a better one.

It was Shatto's sister, Etta M. Whitney, who suggested **Avalon**, described in Tennyson's "Idylls of the King":

"To the island-valley of Avalon

solutely unthinkable." Hence the governor pardoned her.

It was not long before most of Miss Whitney's champions were chagrined to learn that the "poor, misguided individual" had "marched back to the Communist battle line as an orthodox Stalinite."

Anita Whitney continued her work for the Reds. For many years she was treasurer of the California Communist party. She ran for numerous political offices. Believe it or not, over 100,000 voters cast their ballots for her for State Controller in 1934!

In the following year she was convicted of falsely attesting signatures to communist election petitions. For this offense she was fined \$600 with an alternate jail sentence of 300 days. She chose to go to jail, but a nephew stepped forward and paid the fine.

In recent years Miss Whitney had been living in retirement.

Where falls not hail, or rain, or any
snow;
Nor ever wind blows loudly; but it
lies
Deep-meadow'd, happy, fair with
orchard lawns
And bowery hollows crown'd with
summer sea."

Shatto's venture was commenced during the Boom of the Eighties. He erected the Hotel Metropole to house excursionists and operated the steamer **Ferndale** between the island and the mainland. Auction sales of lots were conducted on a grand scale.

When the Boom burst Shatto's financial structure collapsed. He lost his holdings through mortgage foreclosure. However, the name of **Avalon** was retained.

Avalon Bay was once called **Roussillon Bay**, and was so named by William Shaler, a New England fur trader who brought his ship, the **Lelia Byrd**, into the harbor in March, 1805. It was named after his friend, M. De Roussillon.

This name did not persist. For many years the bay was called variously, Timms Landing, Timms Cove, and Timms Bay after Augustus W. Timms, business competitor of Phineas Banning in staging and freighting between San Pedro and Los Angeles.

The city of Avalon was incorporated in June, 1913.

MOJAVE

This name is said to be derived from the name of an Indian tribe of Yuman lineage which the Franciscan missionary-explorer, Father Francisco Garcés in 1775 first called Jamajaba. Mojave was a phonetic rendering of the Indian name. The theory was once advanced that the name was derived from **hamok** (three) and **avi** (mountain) that is, three mountains.

James Ohio Pattie in 1833 in his **Personal Narrative** spells Mojave as **Mohawa** which is similar to our modern version. Fremont used the spelling **Mohahve** in naming the Mojave river. The term Mohave Desert was applied in 1875 by the Wheeler Survey. The town bearing the name came into existence on August 8, 1876 when the Southern Pacific

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AT THE BAR



Horse stealing was a very serious offense in early California and when a man was accused of such a crime he needed the services of a good lawyer. In fact he was lucky if he escaped a lynching and was tried in any kind of a court where he could have a lawyer!

Back in 1850 a man was brought before the County Court at San Jose charged with stealing a horse. Judge J. F. Redman carefully informed the defendant of his legal rights.

"Do you have a lawyer?" he inquired.

"No, sir; I haven't."
"Do you have any funds to hire one?"

"No, sir; I haven't."

The judge scanned the faces of the attorneys crowded into the tiny court room. Clearing his throat, he spoke.

"Mr. McKinney."

Freeman McKinney stepped forward. He was a dignified little man, scarcely more than four feet tall, and possessing a long red beard that came down to his waist.

"Yes, your honor."

"Mr. McKinney, the court appoints you to act as attorney for this defendant. You may retire with him and get his statement of his case. You will give the prisoner the best advice and assistance you are able in view of the law, and of the facts he may give you."

The attorney accompanied his newly acquired client outside to the courthouse steps and commenced his questioning.

"Are you sure you haven't got any money?"

"Well, maybe I've got a little bit."

"Let me see it."

The man produced a fifty dollar "slug."

"I'll take it," announced McKinney, pocketing the coin. "Now, let's get on with the business. As a matter of fact, you stole that horse, didn't you?"

"Well, between you and me, yes, I did."

"In that case I advise you to get into the brush as fast as your legs can carry you."

Without further urging the accused darted away. Presently McKinney sauntered back to the court room and sat down.

"Where is your client, Mr. McKinney?" inquired the judge.

"I don't know, your honor," was the reply. "The last time I saw him he was making for the brush as fast as he could run."

"Is it possible," roared the court, "That you have permitted the prisoner to escape?"

"Your honor," responded the lawyer, "I have strictly obeyed your orders. You appointed me as attorney for the defendant and instructed me to give him the best advice I was able to give in view of the law and



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the facts. The facts were, as the defendant admitted to me, that he stole the horse. The best advice I could give was for him to get into the brush."

Judge Redman snorted.
"Call the next case!"

WOODBIDGE

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erect a building, suitable for academic purposes, near that place.

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The first session of the trustees of Woodbridge Seminary was held September 10, 1879. The meeting was called to order by President Solinger. Prayer was offered by S. D. Shuck. G. W. Burtner was elected temporary secretary. Other members of the board included R. W. Williams, H. D. Northrup, Rev. J. Black, Rev. C. W. Gillett, Lyman Huntley and Alfred L. Cowell. J. H. Keen and Benjamin F. Pope were later members.

Thirty-one rules were carefully compiled and recorded by the secretary. These state in detail what was expected of the student as to conduct in general, intention to study and obedience to rules. Rule twenty-one, indicative of the type, read as follows:

"Earnestly desiring to more fully and thoroughly prepare myself for usefulness in life, I solemnly promise that I will faithfully attend upon all instruction of the Seminary and that I will carefully observe its rules and obey all lawful requisitions of the teachers and Board of Trustees while I remain a member of it."

Literary societies were formed and the extra curricular activities of the students included "presentations of

singing, orating and athletic exercises."

Miss C. C. Ellis (now Mrs. Freeman Mills, Sr.) was engaged to teach music on the following terms: "The trustees to furnish a room; she, her own instrument, and take what she can make out of it for wages the first year." H. B. Brown was appointed janitor at the salary of \$5.00 a year and room. G. W. Burtner was chosen as instructor of geography. D. A. Mobley, Rev. J. McBride, R. E. Williams, Miss Ida Glenn, Mr. Kephart and a Miss Maxwell were also early teachers. Eli Ridenour joined the faculty in 1880; W. H. Klinefelter in 1883. Alfred L. Cowell headed the college from 1885 to 1887. By 1892 the president of the college, Mr. Huber, received a yearly salary of \$1,000. Professors Eli Ridenour, W. J. Ham and John Frances were each paid \$900 per annum. In 1893, Mark Keppel was added to the faculty at a salary of \$700.

On October 20, 1882, the name of Woodbridge Seminary was changed to San Joaquin Valley College on the subscription list and as such was it know thereafter. As no deed could be given to the United Brethren Church or college trustees, a lease was given for five years by the stockholders and "they in turn were to insure the building for \$4,000, to paint it and pay the taxes." On March 12, 1883, a constitution and by-laws were adopted by San Joaquin Valley College and its association.

The first graduating class was in 1885 with Joel Snell, Edward R. Thompson, W. Olin Lowe and Avery C. White. These four re-

ceived their masters degrees on May 28, 1888.

In its announcement of courses in 1886 the college declared, "It is the aim, moreover, to develop the highest and noblest character, to inculcate precepts and principles of Christian morality, and to hold before the students the worthiest ideals of life and citizenship."

Unfortunately there was no endowment to maintain the college and the new high school system was rising in the state. So, in the spring of 1897, the United Brethren decided to discontinue the college. It was therefore turned back to the people of Woodbridge and made into a grammar school building.

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THE SPARROW AND CANARY

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Lots of times when John was downtown with his mother they would stop at Mrs. Schultz's Bakery. John would look in the window for a long time and water would flood his mouth and his eyes would get as big as macaroons. Then he and Mother would go in.

Hello Mrs. Schultz, John would say. I'm happy today.

Well Johnny if you are happy today you shall have a cookie.

Oh thank you.

Would you like a cookie with the hole in the center or with the hole

around the outside. John always answered, Just gimme the cookie, and then added, Papa will pray for you.

I'll take a loaf of white, Mother would say.

Mrs. Schultz's face was the color of the flour she used.

But isn't that the way it is with bakers?

Her curls hung about her head like the crystals from the parlor lamp. She had run the bakery longer than anyone in town wanted to remember.

One day however somebody John had never seen before was in the shop. She was so small she barely reached the top of the counter.

This is my little niece Hattie Peters, Mrs. Schultz said and Hattie was pretty to look at. She was not quite as tall as the top drawer in his mother's bureau and her hair hung down her back in two braids that danced like little legs when she moved her head and she turned around and looked at John and she giggled. Her eyes were flowers in a garden with the sun shining on them.

Her father's farm was almost twenty miles away.

Well when Mrs. Schultz gave

John his cookie she said, Hattie is going to stay with me every winter and go to school.

John didn't know if he was glad or if he was sorry because now he was thinking about his cookie.

And he ran from the shop. Mother followed.

John looked back and saw Hattie watching him go down the street.

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VEGETABLES

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JOHN AUGUSTUS SUTTER—"Founder of New Helvetia"; landed in California, August 2, 1839, and founded colony where Sacramento now stands; built Sutter's Fort (now restored by Native Sons of the Golden West); friend of pioneers; became wealthy land owner; New Helvetia destroyed by Marshall's discovery of gold; died in poverty; born, Baden, Germany, March 1, 1803.

SAMUEL HOPKINS WILLEY—Clergyman, prophet, seer, writer; arrived at Monterey, February, 1849, on maiden voyage of California (first steamship to arrive in this state) to do missionary work; chaplain of first California Constitutional Convention, 1849; founded first library in Monterey for the English-speaking population; one of the founders of the **College of California** (now University of California); born Campton, New Hampshire, March 11, 1821.

INA DONNA COOLBRITH—"First Poet Laureate of California"; real name was Josephine Smith; niece of Mormon prophet, Joseph Smith; came to California as a child "sitting on the saddle in front of Jim Beckwourth"; began early to write verse; wrote verse for **Overland Monthly** when Bret Harte was editor; librarian of Oakland Public Library at \$80.00 per month; "**Songs from the Golden Gate**" is her best known book; fostered old traditions and customs of California; died in Berkeley, California, February 29, 1928; born near Springfield, Illinois, March 10, 1842.

Blessed are those who can give without remembering, and take without forgetting.—Elizabeth Bibesco.

Character is the result of two things: Mental attitude and the way we spend our time.—Elbert Hubbard.

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Daisy Kendall Oddie, 70, widow of the late Tasker Lowndes Oddie, passed away at her home in Santa Monica on February sixth. She was a native of Los Angeles.

Her husband was governor of Nevada from 1911 to 1915 and represented that state in the United States Senate from 1920 to 1933. He passed away at San Francisco on February 17, 1950.

Senator Oddie is credited with performing valuable services in securing the passage of the Swing-Johnson bill which authorized the construction of Hoover Dam.

JOHN B. CLAYTON II

John Bell Clayton II, 48, novelist and short story writer, passed away at the Hoag Memorial Hospital in Newport Beach on February tenth.

His reputation as an author became nation-wide in 1947 when he won the O. Henry Award for his story, "White Circles," which appeared in Harpers Magazine. In addition to writing many short stories he produced three novels, "Six Angels on My Shoulder," "Wait, Son, October is Near," and "Walk Towards the Rainbow," the last of which was published only a few months ago.

A graduate of the University of Virginia, Clayton commenced his career as a newspaper man, becoming managing editor of a Charlottesville, Virginia, paper, as well as of the **San Francisco Examiner**.

The author was a native of Craigsville, Virginia. At the time of his death he was a resident of Laguna Beach, California. He was a brother-in-law of the well known song writer, Hoagy Carmichael.

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JAPANESE IN 1870

In 1870 there were only 55 Japanese in the entire United States. Of these, 33 resided in California, 10 in Massachusetts, 10 in New Jersey, and one each in Michigan and Pennsylvania.

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PLACENAMES

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Railway Company called it **Mojave** because it was at the western end of the Mojave Desert. The Mojave Indians of today do not know the meaning of their tribal name. Arizona still uses the spelling, **Mohave** but the U.S. Geographic Board favors **Mojave**.

CLAREMONT

Colonel William H. Holabird, who was a Union Army soldier and a Gettysburg veteran, joined with a few other promoters to lay out the townsite of **Claremont** during the boom of 1887. It was first settled by several families who came to California from New England and was named **Claremont** for Holabird's home town in New Hampshire.

Frank A. Miller, who was the founder of the Mission Inn at Riverside, was the first land sales manager at Claremont. To prevent the town from failure, Holabird, Miller and others of the founding group donated an empty hotel and a plot of land to Pomona College which was organized shortly after Claremont. This proved to be a good idea for both the community and the college developed successfully.

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Fullerton was a promotion and right-of-way man for the California Central (later called the Santa Fe) and was instrumental in routing the railroad through the community.

GREAT SEAL

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Next, General M. G. Vallejo submitted an amendment by which the bear would be removed from the design, but with the alternative suggestion that if the grizzly be retained that "it be represented as made fast by a lasso in the hands of a vaquero [cowboy.]" Vallejo wanted the bear eliminated for the same reason that Major Snyder had introduced it: memories of the Bear Flag Revolt. The general still smarted from the indignity of his capture during the uprising at Sonoma and the raising of the Bear Flag. His amendment failed by a vote of 21 to 16.

After much debate Price's resolution was adopted whereby the design prepared by the committee became the official seal of California.

The Seal Procured

Price then introduced another resolution authorizing Caleb Lyon, the supposed author of the original design, to superintend the engraving of the seal and furnish to the secretary of the Convention a press with "all necessary appendages." For this he was to receive the sum of one thousand dollars.

Lyon furnished the seal, but whether he received the thousand dollars

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GREAT SEAL

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is still an unsettled question. In the February 19, 1850, issue of the *Alta California* appeared an article presumably written by its editor, Edward Gilbert, who had been a delegate to the Convention and was one of California's first Congressmen.

The article commenced, "We observe that a petition has been made to the Legislature, on behalf of Caleb Lyon, for \$1,000 for the State Seal, 'designed and executed by him.' It may as well be understood at once that if any credit belongs to any person for the design of the seal, it is not to Caleb Lyon, of Lyonsdale. The original design for the seal was made by an officer of the army, sojourning temporarily at Monterey during the time the Convention was in session."

The account then goes on to explain that after the adoption of the seal, "\$1,000 was appropriated to Mr. Lyon to produce a die and proper press. This duty he performed after a fashion. The design was marred in the engraving; the die was not sunk near deep enough, and the press was not sufficiently powerful for the purpose. The commissions of the Congressional delegation were without the slightest impress of the seal before they left the country."

The writer then expresses his belief that Lyon was paid the thousand dollars out of the civil fund of the Convention "and is now conveying it to the sylvan retreats of Lyondale [New York.]" He concludes, "But this has nothing to do with the paternity of the seal. All we wish to state, and that most distinctly, is that Mr. Lyon has no right or title to the honor of either designing or executing the seal any more than the Khan of Tartary."

Robert S. Garnett

Robert Selden Garnett was a Virginian who had been graduated from West Point in 1841. He was appointed aide-de-camp to General Wool in 1845 and served General Taylor in a similar capacity during the Mexican War. No doubt Taylor's confidence in him accounts for his presence at the Constitutional Convention.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he joined the Southern cause and became a brigadier general in the Confederate Army, attached to the Department of West Virginia. He

was killed at the Battle of Carrick's Ford on July 15, 1861. Upon orders of the Federal commander, General George B. McClellan, his body was carefully cared for, and after being embalmed was sent through the lines to his friends.

Caleb Lyon

Shortly after the close of the Convention, Lyon returned to his native state of New York where he served in both the local assembly and senate. He was elected to the House of Representatives for one term commencing in 1853. In 1864 he was appointed the first governor of the Territory of Idaho.



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I had a letter of introduction to Dr. McLeod of Newhall, with whom I lived for four months, at which time I was considered cured. I entered the senior class of the medical school at the University of Southern California, graduating on June 4, 1898.

Search for Location

Upon my graduation the question

of location was uppermost in my mind. I visited several communities and became convinced that the best place for me would be in an area midway between the mountains and the sea.

My father had written me that a relative of his was living in Anaheim with her aunt, Mrs. Robert Mills, on East Broadway. I decided to visit her and also look at the city of Anaheim as a prospect. Miss Edith Bannerman was a bright young lady of high school age, and, as I recall, she and her cousin, Alma Mills, were in the first graduating class of the Anaheim High School. Mr. and Mrs. Mills were very cordial and encouraging, and became my lifelong friends.

Anaheim

I looked at Anaheim of the late Nineties. It had been founded by a group of Germans in 1857 and so it was forty-one years old when I first saw it.

I called at some of the stores to learn what I could before deciding one way or the other regarding location. I became acquainted with Louis Miller of the hardware firm of Miller & Nagel on East Center street. He was most friendly and interested in my problem. He told me that there were three doctors practicing here, Drs. Bickford, Wilson and Eddy. Dr. Bullard, who had been a very popular physician, had but recently retired and moved to Los Angeles.

As we were talking in front of the store, Mr. Miller called my attention to a carriage drawn by a beautiful team of horses, which turned into the curb a few doors away and next door to Kistler's Boston Bakery. Mr. Miller advised me that the driver was the most popular doctor in the city and suggested that I call on him. I did so.

I found him to be a pleasant mannered gentleman from the Mid-west, about forty years of age. His office was very small, but neat and clean. I told him my mission and after considerable discussion he said that Anaheim had all the doctors it could support, but that Olive was a coming community and I would do well by locating there. Furthermore, for some reason best known to himself, he informed me that he would not take second place to any doctor in Southern California in modern sur-

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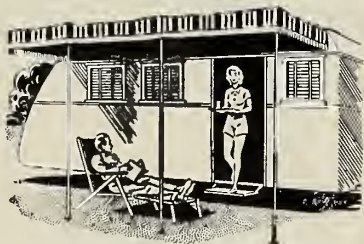
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Streets

The streets of Anaheim in the Nineties were quite different from the present wide, paved thoroughfares. In the summer they were very dusty. People wore linen dusters for protection as trotting horses would stir up large clouds of dust.

To keep the dust somewhat in check the streets and county roads were sprinkled several times a day. For years the city streets were sprinkled by Mr. Fossek while the county road to Santa Ana was in charge of Charlie Norman.

After heavy rains the mud was ankle deep and driving was rough. Generous applications of sand and gravel helped to make the streets passable. The city fathers felt they had solved the mud problem by having the main thoroughfares covered by a layer of straw. This plan proved very satisfactory until one day the straw caught on fire! For years Anaheim enjoyed the jocular reputation of possessing streets whose "pavement" burned up.

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business houses, but will list only a few. The Boston Bakery at the eastern end of the business section was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kistler. Paul Derge's drug store in the middle of the block housed the first local central telephone office. I have heard many estimates of the number of connections, but it was probably between twenty-five and fifty.

The **Anaheim Gazette** was the only newspaper, its editor and publisher being the late Henry Kuchel, father of Ted, the present publisher, and of Tommy, our popular and capable United States Senator.

On the corner of Center and Los Angeles Streets was the store of Charles Federman. There I first saw Oscar Renner and Louis Kroeger as they were sweeping the premises and dusting off the merchandise. Across the street was the Boyd Grocery and on the next corner the general store of Stern Brothers. Next door west was Rimpau Brothers store and then Joseph Helmsen's bookstore. Many smaller stores filled out the south side of the street.

On the north side was the Lewis Livery Stables, the Wallop home and Fred Crist's tailoring shop. Reaching the corner of Lemon, I remember H. A. Dickel's grocery where the S. Q. R. Store is today. This was a very popular store and attracted many customers throughout the northern part of Orange County.

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erman store where the late Dr. John Truxaw practiced for years. I remained there but a few months, having leased a small house on south Los Angeles Street at eight dollars per month. There I lived and had my office for several months. I was joined by Oscar Ingram, who was clerking in the Stern store and together we kept house, doing our own cooking. In the Federman building I became acquainted with a young dentist, whom many Anaheimers will remember, the late Dr. Fred Houck.

Discouragement

I became very discouraged at times. A professional man has no recourse but to wait. He cannot advertise for business and often the waiting period is simply exasperating—mine was even worse. I began to believe that I had made the wrong choice of a vocation.

I did my own cooking and mending as best I could. My transportation problem was a serious one. Walking was terribly slow and unsatisfactory in every way, even in

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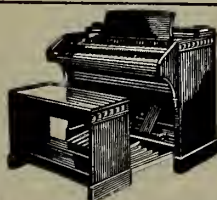


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the Gay Nineties. While in the Miller & Nagel store one day Mr. Miller suggested that I might use a bicycle to advantage. He had a used one which he offered to sell me for twelve dollars, payable one dollar a month. I bought it. This helped a great deal, but I longed for a horse and buggy.

Knowing my desires, Robert Mills sold me a grey mare, new buggy and harness, all on a small payment basis. This was quite a financial venture for me. The little horse was real sturdy and lively, but she had one fault that was quite a bother and expense. She would break her halter and run home if I were, in her estimation, too long in making a call. Of the many episodes I had with her, one stands out very clearly in my memory. I was making a call and on returning to the sidewalk found a broken halter and no horse or buggy to be seen anywhere. A search of the neighborhood revealed that my buggy, minus horse, was wedged between the posts of Fred Pressel's front gate.

Times were hard in the late Nineties. Doctor's office fees were generally fifty cents. Home calls were one dollar in the city, with a few cents extra for mileage if outside of town. In those days a dollar was worth one hundred cents. There was considerable gold in circulation. Paper money was not popular.

Food was cheap and this helped me considerably. Surprisingly good lunches and even dinners were available from twenty-five to fifty cents.

Early Surgery

My first contacts with the study of medicine and surgery were not long after the close of the Antiseptic Era when it was thought that pus infections entered the operation incisions through the air, and for a time surgeons operated under a carbolic acid spray which covered the surgeon, his assistant and the patient during the operation. To a certain extent the anesthetist and nurses were also included. Those mostly involved were covered by rubber coats and hats and looked somewhat like the members of a firefighting brigade. The Aseptic Era then arrived and surgery was entering broader fields, infections decreased materially and were much better understood.

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conditions which in those days were called abdominal "cramps." Most of the severe cases which I saw were in very dangerous condition. The abdomen was swollen and rigid, and irritated from liniments and poultices on the outside and from castor oil and enemas from the inside.

In the larger cities many appendectomies had been performed successfully. However, the general opinion of the people was very much against surgery. Often when an operation was deemed to be definitely indicated and the family so informed, the reply would be given either audibly or by facial expression, "No cuttin's!"

The young men and women who consented to surgery did a great deal for the community, for they proved the wisdom and advisability of operations. In those days surgery was generally performed in the home, a bed or the dining room table serving as an operating table. The kitchen stove with its pots and pans became the sterilizer of instruments, gauze, sheets and towels.

These were the conditions under which I operated when I first came to Anaheim. I wished for a hospital where better work could be done in a much safer surrounding, but I failed to find any interest in such venture at the time.

Office Practice

Not having any office nurse to meet patients, if any should come during my absence, I used a large slate with pencil attached to indicate what time I would return. On one occasion I was quite late in returning though I had stated a much earlier hour. Evidently a patient had become disgusted with my broken promise for he used a nail or some other sharp instrument to scratch deeply into the slate the word "LIAR".

I appreciated the incident so much that I always wrote my message on the same side of the slate where he had indelibly engraved his observation and had many a joke with my patients over the frankness of my unknown visitor.

As the century closed I had moved to a cottage on the corner of Broadway and Los Angeles Streets, which I later bought and still own. My practice, though small, was growing and I was happy and encouraged and had many plans for my future in Anaheim.

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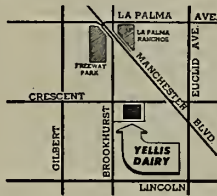
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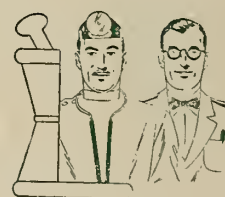


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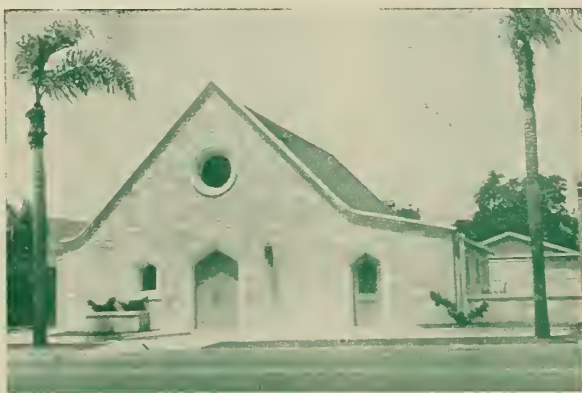
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As the first rays of the morning sun pierced the eastern horizon the clear tones of a trumpet called the assemblage to worship. Joyous Easter hymns were sung to the accompaniment of a portable organ. A prayer was uttered and the service ended.

The worshippers left Mt. Rubidoux with a sense of spiritual exhilaration. Probably none of them realized that they had participated in an event that would become a great annual affair and would serve as the inspiration for similar services throughout the nation.

Three years later over three thousand people attended Easter service on Mt. Rubidoux when Dr. Henry Van Dyke read his famous poem, "God of the Open Air," which has since become a part of each year's program. For the occasion he added these lines:

"And then on Eastern Morn, His
victory won,
Breaking the mortal bars that
sealed the tomb
In a fair garden filled with flowers
abloom,
The risen Jesus met the rising sun."

The outdoor Easter sunrise service, so modestly begun, can be attributed to two men, Frank A. Miller, "Master of the Inn," and Jacob Riis, champion of the small parks and playground movement and sponsor of better housing for the poor. Riis resided in New York, but spent many vacations at the Mission Inn where he became the firm friend of Miller.

In 1906, Miller, with the assistance of Henry E. Huntington and Charles M. Loring, formed an asso-

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS CALIFORNIANS



"A Californian is one who was born in California; or else one who was reborn in California."—Ella Sterling Mighels.

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THE PASSING OF THE NARROW GAUGE

THE narrow gauge railroads are passing into the magic realm of memory. Americans have witnessed their departure with regret for as Lucius Beebe says, "their diminutive dimensions held a peculiar and warming enchantment in the collective mind of a nation dedicated to doing everything on the biggest scale imaginable."

Fortunately for Californians and their visitors, Walter Knott has acquired sufficient narrow gauge rolling stock and trackage to perpetuate

a cherished memory. At Knott's Berry Farm at Buena Park he has constructed the Ghost Town & Calico Railway both of whose locomotives and most of whose cars once rode on the narrow gauge tracks of the Denver and Rio Grande Railway.

First Narrow Gauge

Historically this is very interesting for it was the Denver and Rio Grande that built the first narrow gauge line in the United States. The company itself was organized on Oc-

tober 27, 1870, for the purpose of constructing a main line from Denver to El Paso and thence to Mexico City if suitable concessions could be obtained from the sister republic.

General William J. Palmer, the first president of the new company, had made a careful study of different types of railroad equipment and decided that the narrow gauge lines, then popular in Europe, would prove the most suitable for the mountainous terrain of Colorado. Moreover, roadbed construction would be more economical than for standard gauge tracks and locomotives could be purchased at a lower price. He first considered a two foot, six inch gauge, but finally decided upon a width of three feet.

Early in 1871 the Denver and Rio Grande commenced work on its original narrow gauge line which extended from Denver to Pueblo. On July twenty-eighth the first spike was driven and three months later the first division of the road, to Colorado Springs, was open to general traffic. On June fifteenth of the following year the second division was completed to its terminal at Pueblo.

Other branches were constructed, but the most dramatic episode in the company's history was its fight with the Santa Fe.

Royal Gorge War

The close of 1877 found the region around Leadville on the verge of a mining boom. Early in the following year both the Santa Fe and the Denver and Rio Grande had formulated plans to build railroads from Cañon City to Leadville by way of the canyon of the Arkansas River. The officials of both companies knew that the canyon, especially at the Royal

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"Doc" did a bit of practical philosophizing. He reasoned that if he could find some item to sell for which there was a great demand that he could make a handsome profit. A perfectly logical deduction, but just what was that item?

He consulted his brother-in-law, Orrin Dorman.

"Orrin," he asked, "what thing is most in demand in San Francisco?"

"What do you mean, Doc?"

"Let me put it this way. If you had your choice of anything you wanted right now, what would you choose?"

Orrin looked thoughtfully.

"Well, if I could have what I wanted most, I would say a couple of fried eggs."

"Doc" snorted.

"Fried eggs! Man, I'll bet there aren't a dozen hens in San Francisco."

"Well," replied Orrin plaintively, "you just asked me what I wanted most. I'd settle for duck eggs, goose eggs or any other kind of eggs."

"Doc's" eyes sparkled.

"Orrin, do you remember way back when we used to rob bird nests when we were kids?"

His brother-in-law nodded.

"And do you remember how we used to take the bird eggs home and fry them when Ma wasn't looking?"

"Yes, why?"

"I've got an idea. Just before we came into San Francisco Bay we saw some little islands that were simply alive with birds. I'll bet there are a million eggs out there. What do you say we go out and get some?"

"Gosh, I'm no sailor."

"Makes no difference. We'll get somebody who is."

A few days later Robinson and Dorman chartered a whale-boat and sailed for the Farallon Islands which lie about thirty miles west of the Golden Gate. Anchoring their craft in a small cove of the southernmost and largest island, they appraised the situation.

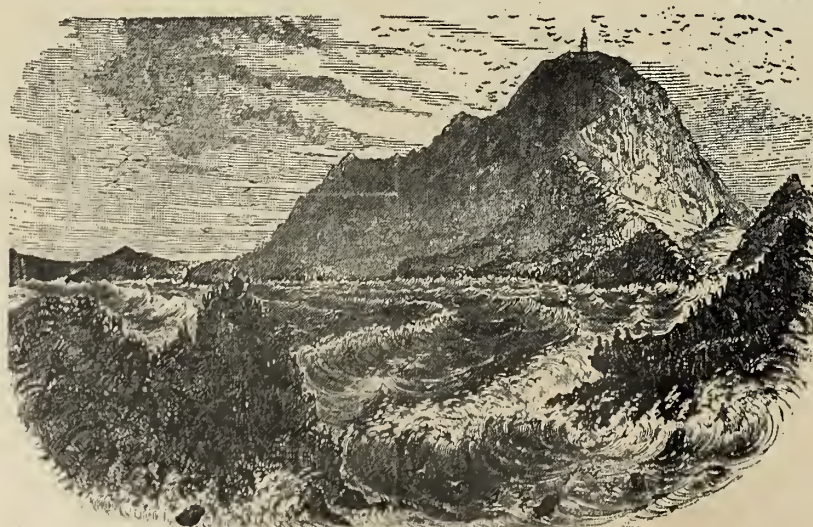
Although it was a pleasant day, the sea about them was exceedingly rough. Waves crashed against the rocks casting up plumes of spray. Barking sea-lions crawled about the base of the island. The precipitous cliffs swarmed with penguin-like birds called murre.

Lifting his voice above the roar of the sea "Doc" yelled, "All right; let's get our sacks and get to work."

Each selected a cloth bag, jumped out of the boat and climbed up the slippery rocks. Clouds of birds took flight but many remained to defend their nests. Through the centuries they had fought off predatory sea gulls with their sharp beaks. Now they fiercely attacked a new enemy. With dogged persistence the men struggled along the cliff, fighting off the birds and filling their sacks. By afternoon they had collected a boat-load of eggs and started on their rough trip back to San Francisco.

A squall sprang up and the overladen boat commenced to ship water. Robinson and Dorman looked at each other. There was nothing to do but to lighten the load. Sorrowfully they jettisoned half of their cargo. After much difficulty they reached

OLD ENGRAVING



THE SOUTH FARALLONE ISLAND, FROM THE BIG ROOKERY, LOOKING SOUTH.
(Six barren rock islands. Twenty-five miles due west of the Golden Gate in the Pacific Ocean.)

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The Puncture Vine, a pesky weed, makes itself at home in sunny California.

California's Unwelcome Immigrant

ONE of the most unwelcome immigrants that ever sneaked into California is the troublesome puncture vine. It is a creeping plant whose stems spread out in all directions from a central crown. Its yellow flowers develop a spiny fruit which at maturity splits into five seed pods, each of which is protected by two to four spines about one-fourth inch long.

Name

It is the prickly seed pod or bur which has been responsible for the variety of local names given the plant such as Texas sandbur, Texas longhorn, bullhead, Arizona thistle and heel-bur. Kent Knowlton, former Kern County horticultural commissioner, is credited with first calling it the **puncture vine**. Without doubt the spiny burs did puncture automobile tires of the old-fashioned fabric variety.

The plant is best known by its more general name of **ground caltrop**, derived from the fancied resemblance of its seed pod to the caltrop used in medieval warfare. The military caltrop was an iron ball armed with four sharp prongs or spikes so placed that when thrown on the ground it always had one spike projecting upwards. It was used principally as a defensive weapon against mounted troops. As a historian wrote in 1519, "They hydde (hid) pretely (cunningly)

under the ground caltroppys of yron (iron) to steke (stick) in horse or mennys (men's) fete."

The Holinshed Chronicle (1577) records that, "The Irishmen strawed all alongest the shore a great number of caltrops of iron, with sharpe pricks that stand up to wound the Danes in the feet." In this country caltrops were placed at strategic points as a defense against surprise attacks by Indians.

Caltrop is from the Middle English word *calketrapp* which is probably derived from *calx* (Latin for "heel") and *trappa* (late Latin for "trap" or "snare").

The scientific name of the plant is **Tribulus terrestris**. The word **Tribulus** means "three-pronged" and *terrestris* is from the word *terra* meaning "earth" and is applied to plants which grow on or near the ground.

Origin of Plant

According to Ethelbert Johnson of the California Department of Agriculture, the "puncture vine is presumably a native of the Sahara Desert, whence it spread throughout the Mediterranean region before the dawn of history." Because of its type of root system it is able to survive in such desolate desert wastes as the shores of the Dead Sea.

The plant was well known to the ancients, being mentioned in the writings of Theophrates, the philosopher, and Aristophanes, the playwright, both of whom lived in Greece in the Fourth Century before the Christian era. Pliny described it as a garden pest.

Virgil called it a weed. In Book One of his **Georgics**, where the name of the caltrop is translated "star-thistle," he wrote:

"Crops fail, a prickly forest
Comes pushing up — goose-grass,
star-thistle, unfeeding darnel
And barren wild-oats tyrannize
over the shining tillage
Unless you make war on the weeds
relentlessly with your mattock."

Comes to America

The prickly burs of the puncture vine have the facility of attaching themselves to animals. Hence the plant was early introduced to the United States through the importation of livestock, particularly sheep, from the Mediterranean countries.

The plant has spread in various ways. Its presence along railroad tracks indicates that its seed has dropped from stock cars. Automobile and tractor tires have carried it along roads and into fields. No doubt the early airplanes, with pastures for airports, contributed to the dissemination of the weed. In Orange County, the flood of 1938 caused an infestation of previously free areas.

The rapid spread of the plant can be attributed not only to its means of transportation, but also to its prolific nature. As an example, a plant three months old was found to have 820 mature bur clusters, 445 immature clusters and 419 blossoms and buds!

Comes to California

No one knows exactly when the puncture vine arrived in California although it was sometime prior to the turn of the century. Charles F. Collins, former Tulare County horticultural commissioner, recalls that he saw it at Dinuba in 1901. A. Davidson collected it at Port Los Angeles in 1903. C. P. Fox found it present in Bakersfield two years lat-

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The Sparrow and Canary

by
Louis Danz

Part III



WELL John grew faster than anybody thought he would. Every time Mother looked at him she would say, He's outgrowing his clothes. We can't keep up with him. And whenever he got a new pair of shoes they would be a size larger than the ones he had.

He eats more in one mouthful than I do for breakfast, Father said.

And before anyone knew it the time came for John to start to everyday school instead of school just on Sundays. Mother had made him a whole new suit of dark blue velvet and a shirt with a wide lace collar that set his face off like a picture in a white frame.

Father took him by the hand.

Mother put her apron to her eyes as they left the house. It's wonderful, she said.

* * *

The school was like all schools were before a schoolhouse got better than the teachers.

This is my son, Father said to the teacher and Miss Grim looked at John and John at her and she had a flat low forehead and a square jaw and John thought, Her face looks like a box. But it was a good face and he liked her and he looked around and saw boys and girls sitting in little seats and one of the girls turned and looked right into his eyes and it was Hattie and the teacher motioned in the other direction and said, You sit here John. But John said, Can't I go over there, and he sat behind Hattie. Hattie turned in her seat and looked at John and she giggled, I know something you don't know. My dog had four baby puppies yesterday.

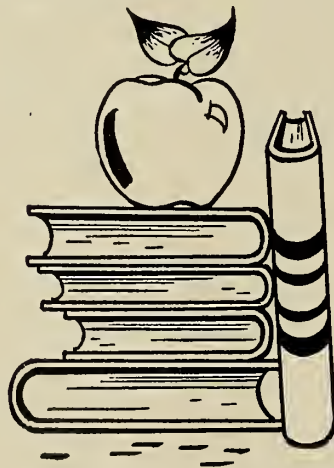
I got a dog, John whispered back, but he can't have puppies because he's a man dog.

Quiet, children, quiet, Miss Grim said and she started about her teaching.

Well in a little while another boy came back into the room from where he had to go and he went to take his seat behind Hattie and saw John sitting in it.

Oscar, Miss Grim said, you sit behind Jean, and she smiled at John. Oscar was mad and he looked at John like a grasshopper that had swallowed a lion and he was bigger than John and he was as fat as an egg with legs. He clenched his fists.

Oscar's father was the postmaster and he knew a lot about anybody. He knew from whom the letters came and to whom the letters went. That's the way you get in a place like the place where Oscar's father was the postmaster.



After school Oscar waited on the corner under the elm and when John came along he went over to him and he hit John in the stomach and knocked him down. You dirty little sissy in your velvet suit and lace collar, he said. John got up and ran away across a vacant lot thick with dead weeds. He jumped a low picket fence and fell backward on one of the sharp points. It went into him like a knife. He screamed. And Miss Grim saw it all and running to him she tried to lift him to his feet but he was limp and his velvet suit was wet with blood and his face was white and still.

Oh My God, Miss Grim said, Johnny what has happened and it's your first day at school, and she looked around for help and a man driving by stopped his horse with a quick jerk of the reins and jumped out and he lifted John into his buggy and Miss Grim sat beside them and held John in her arms.

Drive fast, she said as she smoothed back John's hair.

When they reached home they laid him on the bed.

My lamb my little lamb, Mother said and she wrung her hands and cried out loud, Get his father and Dr. Barrows and hurry and tell his uncle.

And when the doctor came and his long fingers felt and his sharp eyes saw he shook his head.

Father stood by the bed saying, It can't be true. It can't be.

Uncle Dan didn't speak and he never took his eyes from the doctor's face.

* * *

That night long after even the crickets had stopped their song John could hear Father praying.

He's my boy dear Lord, his father prayed. He is my boy. I would give Thee my life for his. Spare him to us dear Lord and I promise he shall be Thine forever. He will do Thy work. I pledge him to Thee. I pledge him. I pledge him. He will preach Thy gospel wherever Thou shalt call him. Amen.

And John got well.

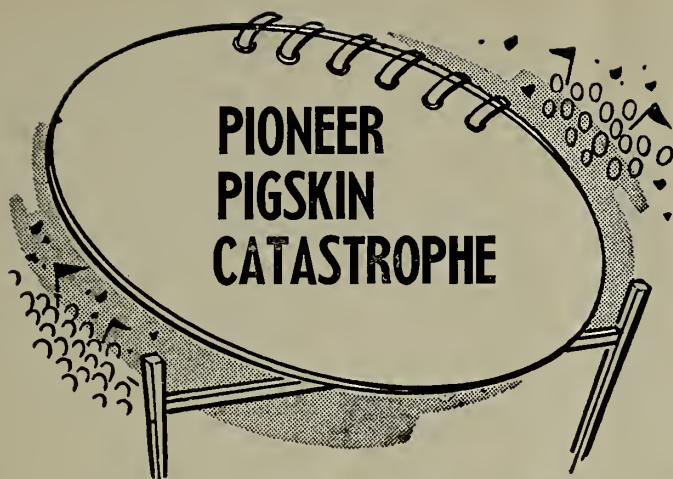
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But when he got back to school he was much thinner. Everybody in the room was glad to see him.

You can have your same seat back, Miss Grim said with a side look at Oscar.

And Oscar hung down his head as if it were on a hinge.

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by Naomi McCallum Carey

FOOTBALL was a brand new game for the students of San Joaquin College at Woodbridge in 1893. Professor John Francis, a teacher in the commercial department of the college, had once seen a game in the East, but nobody else at Woodbridge had even heard of such a thing!

Francis sent for a ball and a book of rules. When the ball arrived everyone gazed at it in amazement—it was not round! The team was diligently coached in how to line up, pass the ball and run for the goal.

There were barely enough players to make up one team and therefore the "varsity" had no one to scrimmage against. Practice, according to book directions, worked fine. The players could make a touchdown everytime they tried.

One play, decided upon, seemed certain to assure victory. Francis would blow the whistle. The center would snap the ball back to the quarterback who would hand it to either the right or left half. This player would run toward the goal with a tackle and guard for interference. According to plan, if the half-back were tackled he would toss the ball to either the tackle or guard.

A game was scheduled between the San Joaquin eleven and Stockton High School. When the big day arrived, Stockton came in full force with rooters, water carriers, colors and everything. San Joaquin attempted a yell to encourage its team:

"Hip, Hip, Whoop, Hee

S. J. V. C.

Hi, Ho, Heen,

San Wah Keen."

The Woodbridge rooters were drowned out by Stockton's cheering section:

"Rah, Rah, Rah,
Blue and White,
Stockton High School
She's all right."

San Joaquin won the toss and planned their first play while Stockton listened. They lined up and at the signal the center flipped the ball to the quarterback who tried to hand it to the right half. Then something went wrong. The San Joaquin boys found themselves sprawled on the ground while a Stockton player with no interference went racing to the goal.

Reverend Huber, president of San Joaquin College, ran out onto the field and shouted, "No fair! No fair! One of our boys went to take the ball and a Stockton boy shoved him out of the way and took it. I saw him do it!" The referee decided in favor of Stockton and the slaughter commenced.

Helmets and pads were unknown to the teams. One player, George Tretheway, received a broken nose from a Stockton player. Woodbridge partisans emphatically declared that it was no accident, but done on purpose!

San Joaquin had virtually no substitutes to relieve their battered "first" team and Stockton scored heavily. The game ended with a jubilant Stockton team and a sad, disillusioned group at Woodbridge.

Coach John Francis had done his best, but it must be admitted that there were other departments in education in which he was more proficient. Upon his graduation from Woodbridge Seminary he began his teaching career at his alma mater. Promotions followed.

From 1910 to 1916 he was superintendent of the Los Angeles City

Schools. He is credited with placing Los Angeles Polytechnic High School on the accredited list of the University of California as the first technical school so recognized. He promoted the idea of playgrounds for elementary schools. Through his efforts the first orchestral department for elementary schools was organized.

The junior high school systems, continuation schools and the first student self-government system in the West were new ideas started by John Francis. On May 22, 1931, a bronze bust of this great educator was unveiled at the Los Angeles Polytechnic High School in memory of its founder. John Francis was only one of a number of great men that the little college at Woodbridge started on the way to fame and honor.

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When a person is tried for a felony (a crime punishable by death or confinement in a state prison) he is not only entitled to be present at the trial, but he **must** be present.

This important legal safeguard can pose an interesting question. What if the accused man so misbehaves in the courtroom as to prevent his case being tried?

Of course the judge can put him in jail for contempt of court. That, however, would be no deterrent to a defendant charged with murder. In fact he would probably welcome the opportunity to sit in the local jail rather than take his chances with what a jury might do to him!

This problem became an actuality to Judge Charles W. Fricke of Los Angeles last February fourteenth when he was presiding over the trial of James Merkouris charged with murdering his former wife and her second husband.

While Dr. Frederick Newbarr, county autopsy surgeon, was testifying, Merkouris suddenly jumped to his feet and shouted, "Wait, I would like to make a remark at this time."

Judge Fricke ordered him to sit down. The defendant retorted, "You're running this trial in a very prejudicial manner."

Calmly the jurist ordered the trial to proceed.

Merkouris roared, "You stupid old fool! You may have written a few books on law, but you haven't learned anything!"

The judge stiffened. "I have the right," he remarked, "to order this man to be gagged so he cannot make any noise and I shall do so if we have any more disturbance along this line."

Merkouris quieted down. Had he not done so he would probably have received the same treatment accord-

ed Alfred M. Loomis in Judge Arthur Crum's court in Los Angeles in 1938.

Loomis was being tried on charges of burglary and forgery. He persisted in throwing himself upon the floor of the court room, kicking the counsel table, and screaming vile epithets at the judge and jury. Efforts of the bailiff to quiet him met with violent resistance.

After repeated warnings Judge Crum ordered Loomis restrained. His legs were strapped together as were his arms. He was fastened into a wheel chair for the remainder of the trial. At times a towel was bound about his mouth.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty. Loomis appealed, complaining among other things of the manner in which he had been treated. Presiding Justice Charles S. Crail of the District Court of Appeal observed, "There can be no doubt as to the right of the court to use reasonable restraint in order to conduct the trial in an orderly and dignified manner." Loomis lost his appeal.

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THIS WEEK MAGAZINE

This Week, which appears as a supplement to many Sunday newspapers, was founded by Alfred David Mayo.

During his lifetime Mayo served as president of the Butterick Company, secretary and general manager of the Crowell Publishing Company, and as publisher of the Chicago Herald-Record.

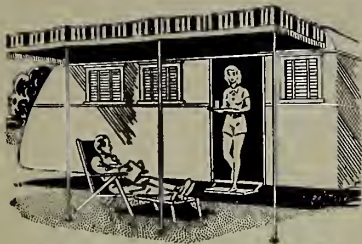
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WILLIAM C. DE MILLE

With the death of William C. de Mille on March fifth, the theatrical world lost one of its notables. de Mille was born to the theatre, his father, Henry C. de Mille, being an associate of David Belasco, and his mother, the former Beatrice Samuel, the founder of the American Play Company.

He commenced his play writing career in 1900 and was the author of *Strongheart*, *The Warrens of Virginia*, *The Land of the Free*, and *The Woman*. While in New York he taught acting in the American Academy of Dramatic Art. Among his pupils were Jane Powell and Helen Ware.

At the request of his brother, Cecil B. de Mille, he came to Hollywood in 1914. There he directed such films as *Peg o' My Heart*, "*What Every Woman Knows*," *Craig's Wife*, *The Doctor's Secret*, *Grumpy*, *Ragamuffin*, *Icebound* and *The Clown*. Among the stars that he directed were Clara Bow, Mary Pickford, Thomas Meighan, Blanche Sweet, Basil Rathbone, Wallace Reid and Victor Moore.

He did much writing for motion pictures, especially for Famous Players-Lasky Co., Paramount Pictures Corp. and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios.

In 1941 he established the drama department of the University of Southern California, retiring in 1953. In the *Stop Gap Theatre* of the university, many of his one-act plays were produced.

de Mille, who was 76 when he died, was a resident of Playa del Rey. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Ernest Wilson, pastor of Christ Church Unity of Los Angeles.

TRIXIE FRIGANZA

Trixie Friganza, former musical comedy star, passed away at the Sacred Heart Academy in Flintridge, California, on February twenty-seventh. For more than fifteen years she had been confined to a wheelchair and her bed, a victim of arthritis from which she suffered constant pain.

Despite her affliction she remained an optimist. On her birthday, last

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THE SPARROW AND CANARY

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Oh you were awful sick, weren't you, Hattie turned and said to John when he took his place.

John nodded.

You're awful pretty now, Hattie said.

You're awful awful pretty too, John said in a whisper.

Then like a hungry mouse his hand slipped into his jacket pocket and took out a bottle not much bigger than his thumb and he reached it over to Hattie. Taste it, he said. It's medicine just like my Uncle Dan made for me. If you're sick it will make you well.

Did your uncle make this, Hattie said.

Oh no. No. I made it, John said. I made it with sugar and water and oil out of Mama's lamp. When I get big I am going to make medicine that will make everybody well.

Quiet children, the teacher said.

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One day about a week after John was well his uncle said, Why didn't you hit Oscar back Johnny. Why didn't you.

I didn't want to. John hung his head.

You were afraid, his uncle said.

No I wasn't I wasn't I wasn't. I didn't want to hit him. I didn't want to hurt him. At first I did and then something happened inside me and I didn't. It hurts me to hurt somebody. And John meant it the way it sounded because even if he found a daddy longleg in the house he would carry it outside and let it go rather than hurt it and he always felt sorry for a fly when he saw one caught to the sticky paper. Then why would he want to fight with anyone.

You were afraid, Uncle Dan said.

No I wasn't. Honest I wasn't. John crossed his heart with his finger.

That's just another way of being afraid, Uncle Dan said and he raised his shoulders and walked away.

In another few days Uncle Dan came to his drug store with a big bundle and it was full of four boxing gloves and John was there.

Put these on Johnny, his uncle said and he threw a pair to him.

I'll teach you how not to be afraid, he said.

Each word sounded like a hammer to John.

* * *

Then Father got a letter and it was from Aunt Emmie and it said, Uncle George is dead.

Father was sad. We've got to go, he said. He's my brother.

Yes we've got to go, Mother said.

And John went to stay with Uncle Dan and Aunt Dot while his father and mother went to the city for the funeral.

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The first evening at supper John thought he could eat three pieces of Aunt Dot's apple pie.

About eleven o'clock he knew he was wrong.

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The guiding genius of the company was Carl Laemmle. As a young German immigrant boy he had been fascinated by the Edison Kinetoscope which he saw at the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893. Then and there he decided to go into the show business. In the due course of time he established a chain of ten cent motion picture theatres.

In 1912 he organized the Universal Film Manufacturing Co. to make pictures for his theatres. He went to Hollywood where he established his first studio at Gower Street and Sunset Boulevard.

Requiring more room he purchased two hundred sixty acres of land five miles north of Hollywood near the spot where the Treaty of Cahuenga was signed which ended the Mexican War in southern California. There he built the nucleus of the present great studio.

The dedication of the new establishment in 1915 had been extensively advertised and special trains brought spectators to the ceremonies. It was an exciting day. Ceremoniously, Laura Oakley, lady chief of police of Universal City, formally presented Laemmle with a golden key with which he officially unlocked the front gate of the studio. Flags were unfurled, bands played and the crowd cheered.

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Among the great pictures produced at the studio were the "Hunchback of Notre Dame," starring Lon Chaney, "Phantom of the Opera," "Showboat" and the Academy Award winner, "All Quiet on the Western Front."

When fourteen years old, Deanna Durbin started her career here with the great hit, "Three Smart Girls."

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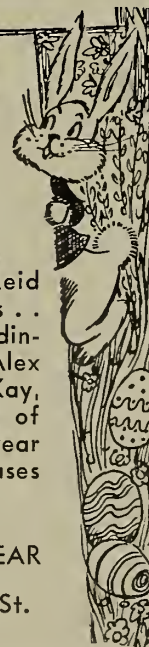
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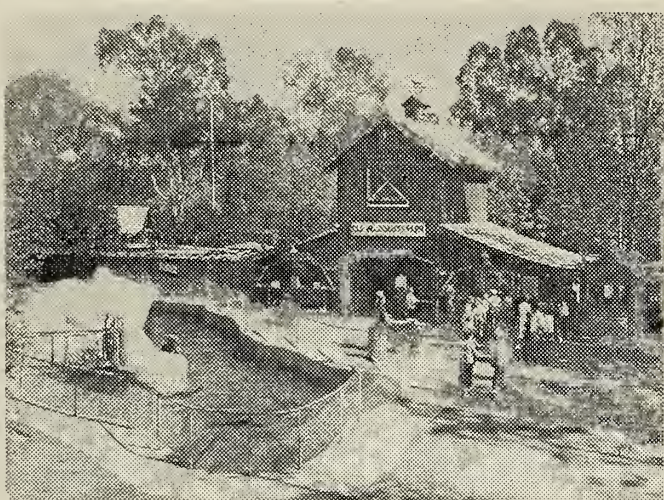


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EASTER SERVICE

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ciation for the purpose of acquiring Mt. Rubidoux as a park for Riverside. A road was constructed to the top of the mountain in the following year which was climaxed by a flag raising ceremony at which Riis, in an inspiring address, referred to Fremont as bringing the American flag whose spirit set men free, which met the cross, carried by the Franciscan padres, which taught men how to use that freedom.

Two months later Miller erected a great wooden cross on the highest point of Mt. Rubidoux which was dedicated by Bishop Conaty to Fra Junipero Serra, founder of the California missions.

Later, in visiting Riverside, Riis expressed the hope that many people would visit Mt. Rubidoux and enjoy its beauties. In a moment of inspiration he exclaimed, "An Easter sunrise pilgrimage would bring them to the mountain."

"No," replied Miller, "you couldn't get them to come here for that. No one but Catholics will go out in the dark to sing and pray."

The response to the first sunrise service nearly confirmed Miller's remark. No church in Riverside announced the event except the Universalist.

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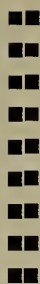
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November, she told newsmen, "When anyone has lived as many happy years as I have, there's a lot to be thankful for, believe me. Luckily for me I learned a lot of prayers when I was a little girl. Now in my sunset I need them and they give me great comfort."

She was born in the waiting room of a little railroad depot in Kansas in 1871 during a cross-country tour of her parents who were theatrical folks.

Her real name was Brigid O'Callaghan, but she took the name of her mother when she joined a road show in Cleveland at the age of seventeen. Two years later she appeared in *The Pearl of Pekin*. When she was twenty-two years old she made her debut in New York in *A Trip to Chinatown* in Palmer's Theatre.

At the turn of the century she starred in *The Prince of Pilsen*. She played with Joe Weber and Marie



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BIRD EGG OMELET

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"Doc" never repeated his venture, but he had numerous successors. In the following year the Farallon Egg Company was organized to collect and ship murre eggs to San Francisco. In 1885 the Federal government gave this firm the exclusive egg picking rights upon the islands. This lucrative franchise was granted because of the ruthless manner in which other groups had despoiled eggs and birds.

It is estimated that by 1856 three or four million eggs had been shipped to the mainland. Thereafter about three hundred thousand eggs were collected annually until 1873. Then the harvest commenced to decline.

The outfit of a professional "egger" consisted of a blouse-like shirt which was drawn tightly around the waist and had a capacity of about eighteen dozen eggs. Egg-ing shoes had soles of braided rope with canvas tops. Like an alpinist the picker carried a coil of rope to assist him in climbing steep places.

Although the bird egg business is now prohibited by law, the industry



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was destined to die anyway. After all, murre eggs never tasted as good as the hen product. Neither were they as appetizing in appearance. Their yolks were a golden red and their whites retained a gelatinous transparency despite thorough cooking.

Memories of the bird egg trade have been preserved in the writings of the early California authors, Prentice Mulford, Bret Harte and Charles Warren Stoddard. Of these three, Mulford had the most experience in the business. Upon first coming to California he made a living as an egg-sorter.

Bret Harte worked for the **Golden Era** for which he wrote a weekly column in which appeared a humorous article about the bird egg trade. In Stoddard's book, **In the Footprints of the Padres**, he includes a chapter called **The Egg-Pickers of the Farallones** in which is set forth the diary of an amateur egg "pirate" who was arrested by the coast guard.

The California bird egg industry was an important one in its day, but it might not have started if "Doc" Robinson had found a theatre in which to commence show business.

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Unwelcome Immigrant

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er and S. B. Parish declared it abundant at Colton in 1908.

Because it was found present in such widely scattered areas during these years it can safely be assumed that the pest had been established in the State for quite some time. By 1920 it was growing from the upper San Joaquin Valley to the Mexican border. Five years later it was found in Sonoma and Inyo Counties.

Destructiveness

Like other weeds the puncture vine is injurious because it robs the soil of moisture and food belonging to useful plants. It can become so thick that beneficial crops cannot thrive.

It has proved injurious to animals. When he was horticultural commissioner of Kern County, Harold L. Pomeroy, in cooperation with the county veterinarian, made a study of injury to livestock caused by the puncture vine. He stated, "We found many instances where sheep had slowly starved to death, the cause of death being a mystery to the owner. They would not eat and would not seek food, but would lie down and slowly dwindle away. Examinations proved that the sheep had picked up mature burs in their feet, the prongs causing such a soreness that they could no longer walk. We found cases where both sheep and cattle had eaten these burs and had their stomach linings punctured. Horses had their mouths so full of burs that they could no longer chew their food."

It has recently been pointed out that the puncture vine has one redeeming quality which has made it rather popular in some grape areas

of the San Joaquin Valley. By carpeting the ground it aids in keeping down the temperature and helps prevent sun burn to grapes by reducing the reflection of rays.

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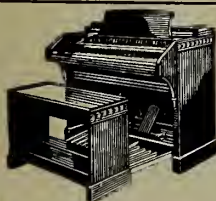
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NARROW GAUGE

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On April 19, 1878, a Denver and Rio Grande work crew started construction in the canyon above Cañon City. Working through the local Cañon City and San Juan Railway Company, the Santa Fe sent a group of men to commence grading. Ultimately both companies had workmen stationed at strategic points in the Royal Gorge. The fight was on.

The contest was carried to the courts and an injunction was issued restraining the Denver and Rio Grande from continuing construction. The case was appealed to the United States Supreme Court where the judgment was reversed. Much litigation followed, but ultimately the Santa Fe gave up.

The first train of the Denver and Rio Grande arrived at Leadville on July 23, 1880. Among its passengers was General U. S. Grant, then on a world tour.

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Locomotive No. 40, a 70-class engine, was built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works and was placed in service on the Denver and Rio Grande in May, 1881. Her number which was originally 400, was changed to 340 before her transfer to Knott.

Her sister locomotive, No. 41, called the Red Cliff, was also built by Baldwin and in August, 1881, made its maiden run on the forty-seven mile Silverton-Durango branch line out of Durango. For many years she pulled a mixed freight and passenger train along the scenic gorge of the Rio de las Animas de la Perdita (River of Lost Souls) commonly called the Animas River. She also hauled ore from the rich mines of the San Juan district of Southwest Colorado. In 1916 she was traded by the Denver and Rio Grande to the Rio Grande Southern whose main line extended from Durango to Ridgway.

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The caboose formerly belonged to the Rio Grande Southern. It now serves as the "hideout" for the "bandits" who hold up the train on each trip around Ghost Town.

The president's car, Edna, was once the private car of Otto Mears, noted president of the Rio Grande Southern.

Otto Mears

Otto Mears is worthy of special mention for he has a direct connection with California. Born in Russia in 1841 he came to San Francisco with his parents when he was thirteen years old. During the Civil War he served with the California Volunteers, participating in several fights with the Indians.

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He constructed a portion of the Denver and Rio Grande Southern and thereafter became its president. He died in Pasadena, California, in 1931.

Disappearance

The narrow gauge railroad has all but disappeared except in Colorado. Its hey-day was the twenty year period commencing in the mid-seventies.

All of the important lines in California have either been changed to standard gauge or have been scrapped. The colorful Nevada County Narrow Gauge, which ran from Nevada City, California, to Colfax, was abandoned in 1942.

It is only natural that the narrow gauge should disappear. In these days of rapid transportation it is necessary that the freight cars of one road be able to run on the rails of another. The standard gauge lines had priority in the field and their rivals had to surrender.

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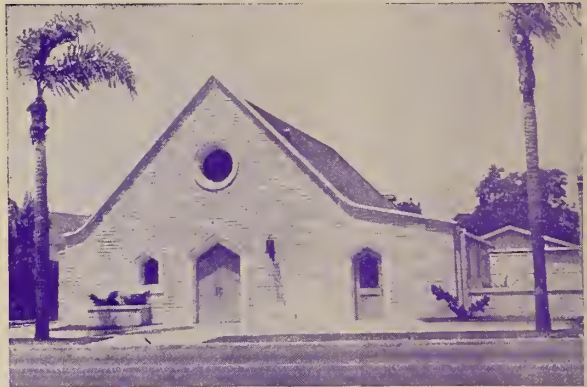
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RAILROAD SNUBBED BY EARLY ANAHEIMERS

The great Boom of the Eighties made little impression upon the residents of Anaheim. They had a well established little city of which they were content to be just a trifle smug.

Writing in 1887, Dr. Walter Lindley had this to say: "The residents of Anaheim have continued year after year constant in their work, and wholly unmindful of the boom and speculating fever of outside places.

"Their homes were made comfortable, flowers were kept beautiful in their gardens, and the pepper-tree, the sycamore, and the acacia shaded their sidewalks, but there has not been the spirit of what is known as public improvement.

"When the Southern Pacific Company wanted to give them the boon of a railroad, and asked for right of way and ground for a station in the center of the town, they answered: 'No; we do not want our vineyards cut in two by a railroad.'

"It will double the value of your property.'

"Will it double the number of tons of grapes our vineyards will produce? We do not want to sell our vineyards, consequently, the increased valuation simply means increased taxation and not increased production.'

"The railroad skirted around the town, the station was located outside of the town limits, and the German was happy.

"Such has been the happy, quiet, prosperous life of the Anaheimer, but lately his equanimity has been seriously disturbed by the advent of another railroad. The California Central [Santa Fe] now startles the Anaheim chicken from its roost.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS CALIFORNIANS



"A Californian is one who was born in California; or else one who was reborn in California."—Ella Sterling Mighels.

HUBERT HOWE BANCROFT—Historian; came to California in 1852 to assist in founding a book store in Sacramento; in 1856 entered business in San Francisco; founder of unique library of western history which was considered "the largest collection of American historical data in the world"; wrote (assisted by helpers) and published the famous Bancroft histories; on his eightieth birthday completed his book **Retrospection**; born Granville, Ohio, May 5, 1832.

WILLIAM TAYLOR—"Father Taylor," Pioneer Preacher; one of the first two preachers sent to California in the gold rush days by the Methodist Episcopal church; nicknamed "California Taylor"; preached on the streets of San Francisco; considered by David Starr Jordan to be "the most prominent evangelical reformer of his day, a great force for good in San Francisco"; later did missionary work in Canada, Europe, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Brazil, Chile and Peru; crossed the equator thirty-seven times; became Missionary Bishop of Africa, 1884; spent last days in southern California where he died May 18, 1902; born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, May 2, 1861.

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The Capture of Black Bart, the Po-8

by

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WHO was Black Bart? Officials of Wells, Fargo & Co. asked that question for eight years before they learned the answer. They were particularly interested in this mysterious highwayman who made only one demand of the stagecoach driver, "Throw down the box!"

Black Bart never varied his technique nor his mode of dress. His "business suit" would have been appropriate for a masquerade ball or a Halloween party. A flour sack pulled over his head concealed his features. Brilliant blue eyes peered through holes in his home made mask. A long linen duster hung down to his ankles. He always carried a double barrel shotgun. Invariably he would show great courtesy to stage passengers being particularly gallant

toward the ladies. He displayed no interest in any valuables other than the contents of the Wells, Fargo strong box which rested at the feet of the driver.

Occasionally he left a poem at the scene of a holdup. These bits of doggerel were signed, "Black Bart, the Po-8," a fair example of which is the following:

"Here I lay me down to sleep
To wait the coming morrow,
Perhaps success, perhaps defeat,
And everlasting sorrow.
Let come what will I'll try it on,
My condition can't be worse;
And if there's money in that box
'Tis munny in my purse!"

Black Bart was a better robber than poet. Twenty-seven times he

struck and made good his escape, but his twenty-eighth try resulted in his capture.

Subsequent investigation disclosed that he had made thorough preparations for his last holdup. In the criminal jargon of today, he had "cased the job" for over a week. Daily he had observed the stage climb Funk Hill on its way to Copperopolis.

On the day of the robbery, November 11, 1883, Reason E. McConnell drove his stagecoach out of Sonora, Tuolumne County, at about four-thirty in the morning. His route would take him to Milton, in Calaveras County, where passengers changed stages for Stockton. On this trip McConnell had no passengers with him. However, he stopped at Tuttletown where he picked up \$4,200 worth of gold amalgam from the Patterson mine. This he deposited in the strong box together with \$550 in gold coin and about \$65 in gold dust.

There was nothing unusual about this procedure except that the steel strapped box was bolted securely to the floor of the stage instead of being up with the driver. This was a new precaution that Wells, Fargo had just introduced, an innovation that resulted in the downfall of Black Bart.

From Tuttletown McConnell drove on to Reynolds Ferry where he crossed the Stanislaus River. Nineteen year old Jimmie Roller, who was tending the ferry for his mother, suggested that it would be a nice day to ride to Copperopolis. McConnell took the hint and invited the lad to accompany him.

Jimmie hastened to the nearby hotel kept by his mother, obtained her

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AFTER a century of busy activity the San Francisco Mint has ceased the coinage of money. On March twenty-fourth it struck its last coin, a modest Lincoln penny. While it will continue to perform other functions such as storing gold and silver, the manufacture of money will be handled at Philadelphia and Denver.

The San Francisco Mint came into existence in response to a pressing need. With the discovery of gold at Coloma in 1848 thousands of gold seekers swarmed into California from all over the world. Each argonaut brought with him coins of his own country which were readily accepted by merchants. It was not long before the money in circulation was a hodgepodge of dollars, shillings, guilders, florins, francs, pesetas and other varieties.

Early Money Problems

Coins were valued according to size. French francs, Spanish pesetas, Mexican double reals, English shillings and United States quarters passed as of equal value. Small silver coins were all classed as "bits." Copper was unacceptable in trade.

Despite this remarkable mixture of specie, California was virtually a moneyless civilization, particularly in the mining camps. Gold dust was the chief medium of exchange. In the early years this proved very inconvenient as gold scales were rare and value had to be determined by agreement. In saloons bartenders reached

into a miner's poke and extracted a "pinch" of gold dust for a drink. A "mixer" with a broad thumb and forefinger was adjudged a great asset to the house.

To relieve the situation assayers imported equipment with which they stamped out gold coins of values ranging from five to fifty dollars. Between 1849 and 1855 sixteen firms engaged in the private coinage of money in San Francisco. The federal government made no objection as private enterprise was meeting a situation for which it had no immediate remedy. Moreover, there was a precedent for manufacture of coins by private individuals. It had been done in both Georgia and North Carolina.

Despite the efforts of private coiners much gold dust was sent east and in 1850 and 1851 the Philadelphia Mint converted more gold into money than it had previously done during the entire history of the nation!

Mint Authorized

Congress recognized that something must be done. By its Act of July 3, 1852, it authorized the establishment of a mint at San Francisco. Because of a diversion of funds appropriated to build the new establishment it was not until late in 1853 that steps were taken to erect the edifice and obtain the requisite equipment. The building, a three story brick structure, was constructed on Commercial Street between Montgomery and Kearny.

The mint opened for business on April 3, 1854, and during the remainder of the year it produced \$4,084,207 in gold coin. No silver money was struck until 1855.

During its time the mint has stamped out gold coins of all regular issue in denominations of \$1.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00. In 1915 it struck a quantity of gold commemoratives for the Panama Pacific Exposition in denominations of \$2.50 and \$50.00, the latter being of two types, round and octagonal.

Interesting Coins

The San Francisco Mint has produced several types of interesting coins. In 1875 it struck \$231,000 in twenty cent pieces. These coins proved unpopular because of being easily confused with quarters. No reason has ever been given for their manufacture.

Commencing in 1873 the Trade Dollar was minted for several years. This coin was designed for circulation in the Orient in competition with the Mexican peso and Spanish eight real piece or "pillar" dollar. It contained more silver than the regular domestic dollar. Unfortunately it did not bring about the desired result in trade. Instead of driving the competing money out of circulation, the trade dollars themselves disappeared. Because of their high silver content they were melted into silver bullion by speculators and sold at a profit.

When first coined, trade dollars were legal tender up to five dollars. With the decline in value of silver, Congress repealed the legal tender provision in 1876 and ordered coinage limited to the export demand. In 1887 a law was passed authorizing the Treasury to redeem all unutilized trade dollars. These are the

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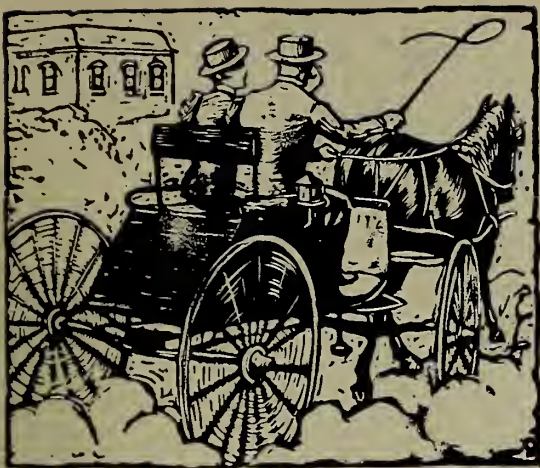
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Two sides of an old Trade Dollar. (Actual size). From left to right: the obverse side bears the date "1878"; the reverse shows the words UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TRADE DOLLAR. The mint mark "s", indicating that it was struck in San Francisco, appears just below the words "420 GRAINS, 900 FINE." (The coin is from the Friis numismatic collection.)



THE MEMOIRS OF HERBERT ALLAN JOHNSTON, M. D.

Part two

BECAUSE of the large foreign population in early Anaheim, Dr. Fred Houck and I decided that we could serve our patients much better if we spoke German and Spanish. We engaged Mr. Charles Lange to teach us German and a Mr. Vejar, Spanish. I do not believe our tutors found us to be very good students, yet we tried for a few months having two lessons each week. I succeeded in learning enough Spanish to enable me to write directions for taking medicines and, of course, to read some written articles.

I remember an incident that occurred when I was called to a home about ten miles out in the country to see an elderly Spanish gentleman who was bedfast. His ailment was not very serious but quite distressing. He was being cared for by his two lovely daughters, one of whom interpreted for him. They were very solicitous about their father's welfare. While I was making a physical examination they sat nearby and carried on a suppressed conversation in Spanish. I happened to overhear some of their conversation, especially what was said about myself. They guessed my age to be "probably 'twenty-four.'" One observed, "I'm sure his mother worries about him when so far out in the country." There were also some pertinent remarks about "big feet" and "poor clothes."

The physical examination having been completed I turned to ask a few further questions regarding the patient and then proceeded to prepare some medicines, writing the directions on the envelopes in Spanish, and after explaining fully in English the directions for giving the medicines and some suggestions for her father's care, I handed her the

envelopes, picked up my medicine case and turned to leave. I heard a scream as both young ladies rushed out of the rear door. So far as I know I have never seen them since. I wish I could remember their names so that we could enjoy the joke about the unexpected directions in Spanish.

The "T.U.C."

In those days Anaheim possessed a fine group of talented young ladies who organized a club which they called the T.U.C. A very selective membership. No one was able to learn what words these three letters represented. All guesses failed. Many social gatherings were planned from time to time and the young men were frequently invited to attend. Picnics on the beach and tally-ho parties at Orange County Park were enjoyed by all. Later I learned the meaning of T.U.C.—"The Unfledged Chickens."

Among the young folks whose names come to my memory were Charlie, Archie, Edith and Theresa Fay; Henry, Otto, Hugo, Gus and Adel Strodthoff; May and Irene Cargill; Jessie and Winifred Melrose; Rose and Allie Robinson; Sophia and Marie Rimpau; Melanie Cahen; Ed, Otto, Carl, Olga and Lillie Zeus; Fred Houck, Herman Stern, Frank Dyer, Oscar Renner and Fritz Yungbluth.

J. B. Rea

J. B. Rea was one of our most successful walnut growers, and owned a beautiful forty acre ranch southwest of town. I believe he sent me my first patient, and was always a very congenial friend. He had two daughters, Kate and Ella, and from these two names he coined the word, **Katella**, by which the surrounding community and a well known thoroughfare are known today.

My uncle, Peter Knapp, and family arrived on the first day of Jan-

uary, 1900, and I helped locate them on a ranch near Katella Road. He had been ill for a couple of years and hoped that the change of climate would help him. On the day following their arrival we had one of our worst desert winds. They were frequently called Santa Ana winds because they came directly through Santa Ana Canyon. Uncle insisted, on sitting outdoors in the wind, trying to read a newspaper, claiming that he enjoyed the warm air, it being such a pleasant change from where he came in Canada. He was a genuine optimist.

Marriage

For almost three years things had been happening of which the citizens of Anaheim, including my closest friends, knew nothing. It is not likely that even the postmaster recognized that plans were in the making by the help of Uncle Sam's mail. The secret was that I was corresponding with a young lady in Toronto, Canada, Miss Anne Marwood Wickett.

In order to be realistic I may say that I left for Toronto in the fall of 1900 and was married shortly thereafter in her home. We left for California in a few days. Anne enjoyed the trip West very much, and, as we stepped off the train at Anaheim, whom should we meet but Peter Weisel and his bride, who had just returned from Milwaukee on their honeymoon, arriving the evening before, and had come to the depot for their baggage. We enjoyed our visit with them very much.

Anne was received by my Anaheim friends most graciously. She grew to love California and Anaheim especially. I remember how delighted she was when Mrs. Spoerl, next door neighbor, offered her a setting hen

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The Sparrow and Canary

by
Louis Danz

Part IV

SPOONFUL by spoonful Father fed John the words of his religion.

To Mother he always said, You take care of his clothes Martha and I'll take care of his soul.

And so that's the way it was.

Mother sewed and washed and ironed and cooked and cleaned. But she was happy. Sometimes when John was playing in the yard he could hear her singing. And lots of mornings she put out a saucer of milk for a cat somebody didn't own.

Father read out of the Bible every day. Before breakfast he would say, Come, and all three would kneel while he said the morning prayers out loud and when Sunday came it was Sunday school and morning services and it was Junior League and in the beginning of the evening it was Christian Endeavor and after that it was regular church and then it was, Go to bed.

Yes. Yes.

Father's eyes watched John.

Like a face always at the window.

And it went on like this from days to weeks and months and then one spring day toward evening the sky was filled with pink lemonade. The sun was setting right in the middle of the old apricot tree that stood in front of the house. It was just inside the white picket fence that never needed paint and John was playing marbles with Butch and Skinny and Red.

And Father came home from working in his music store.

What's this, he said.

We're playing keeps, John said. I'm winning.

Father's lips shut like the wringer on Mother's wash tub and he walked to the middle of the game and kicked the marbles away and the marbles scattered like mice running from a cat and Father said, It's gambling and I've told you before, and he said, How many marbles did you have when you began and how many have you now, and John said

he had a lot more now than when he started and that he was the best shot and he never lost.

Give them back, Father said. It's gambling.

But I won them Papa, John said. They're mine now.

Give them back, Father said. This time his voice was loud.

And John gave them back some to Butch and some to Skinny and some to Red.

It's gambling, Father said again.

John looked around everywhere in the weeds and in the street and it

And John ran over to Uncle Dan's Drug Store and told all about it and Uncle Dan said, There now don't cry my Little Rooster, and he gave John some gum drops.

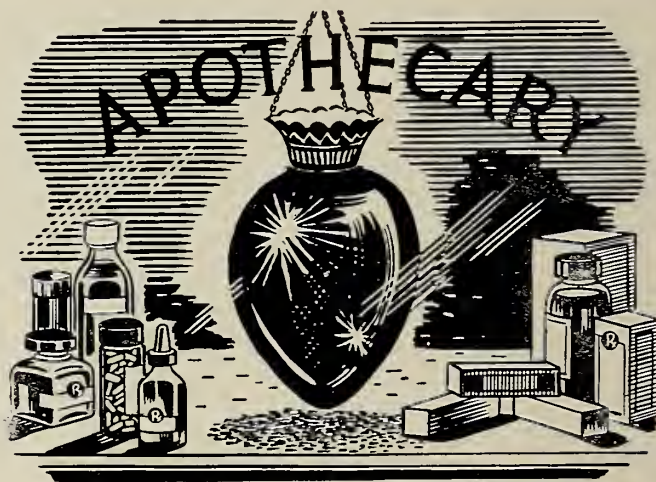
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UNCLE Dan's Drug Store was a lot of blocks from John's house. but at night the light from the windows came out through big bottles of red and blue water and colored the sidewalk and John could see it from the porch. Inside the store a wood counter with a small soda faucet stood close to the door. Rows of shelves were filled with everything for anything anybody didn't feel good about. And there were glass cases and a cigar counter.

A big clock hung on the back wall. Always behind time.

I'll throw it out some day, Uncle Dan would say. It's as slow as a delivery boy.

An old wood stove sat like a picture of an Indian in the center of the store.



John was with his uncle every spare minute he could

was getting dark and John cried and wiped his eyes on his sleeves. I lost my Agate, he said. I lost my big Agate.

Get into the house, Father said.

But it was an Agate Papa, John said. When I breathe on it and polish it on my pants it shines like Mama's diamond ring if she had one and I can aim better with it than with any other Agate in the world.

* * *

That night John went to bed without his supper.

* * *

The next day when John saw Butch and Skinny and Red he said, Hello, and they didn't and they said, Johnny is a sissy, and they sang, Johnny can't play marbles Johnny can't play marbles any more.

Of course every minute he could John was with his uncle. He wanted to be like his uncle. He would clear his throat and run his fingers through his hair and rub his chin as if he had a real beard. Sometimes he even put a pencil in his mouth like a cigar.

And he always had his pockets filled with little medicine bottles and pill boxes and tins of salve. I can cure you, he would say to anybody.

And it was an extra happy day when Uncle Dan gave him an eye-dropper.

As time went on he seemed to grow closer to his uncle and farther away from his father. He felt safer when he held his uncle's hand than he did even in church. Uncle Dan

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California Place Names



PORTERVILLE

This Tulare County city was named for Royal Porter Putnam, who came to San Joaquin Valley from Pennsylvania in 1858. He later established a hotel and a trading post at a point then known as Tule River. As Putnam was usually known by his middle name, the post became known as **Porter's Trading Post**. In 1864 he laid out the town and named it Portersville. At one time the locality was also known as Putnamville. The official railway map of 1900 shows the name in the present form. Putnam died in 1889 and is buried in Porterville.

MANHATTAN BEACH

The name of **Manhattan Beach** was decided by the flip of a coin. George H. Peck, who was developing the north portion of the community insisted upon Shore Acres, the name given to the local station of the Santa Fe Railroad.

Stewart Merrill, who was subdividing the southerly portion, argued for **Manhattan**, in honor of his old home, Manhattan Island, New York.

The two men agreed to settle the dispute by the toss of a coin. Merrill won. Later the name of the town was changed to **Manhattan Beach** to avoid confusion with several other Mannhattans in the country.

POWAY

The name of this San Diego county place originates from the Indian word **pawaii** which means "meeting of the valleys" or "end of the valley." The post office is listed in the 1880 records.

VERNON

The city of **Vernon** is named after Captain George R. Vernon, a Civil War veteran, who settled in the area in the early Seventies. The first post office in the locality was called **Vernondale**.

During the Boom of the Eighties valiant efforts to establish a city around Vernon's old ranch came to naught. However, the promoters left a legacy of poetry about the budding town that is interesting:

"Go, wing thy flight from star to star,

From world to luminous world as far
As the universe spreads its flaming wall,

Take all the pleasure of all the spheres,

And multiply each through endless years,

One winter at Vernon is worth them all."

Also:

"Sweet Vernon, loveliest village of the plain,

Where health and plenty cheers the laboring swain,

Where smiling Spring its earliest visit paid,

And parting Summer's lingering blooms delayed."

Vernon's present existence started in September, 1905, when John B. Leonis, James Furlong and Thomas Furlong laid out a townsite planned as an exclusively industrial city. As such it has succeeded.

PARADISE

Many places were so named because of their fancied resemblance to the abode of the blessed. However, the town **Paradise** in Butte County is one of the several settlements so named that has survived. On the official map of 1900 it was spelled **Paradice**. Local legend says that the original name was "Pair o' Dice" and was named after the saloon "Pair o' Dice." It is an interesting fact that Helltown is only a short distance away.

ONEONTA PARK

This residential district of South Pasadena was named **Oneonta Park** by Henry Edwards Huntington in memory of his birthplace, Oneonta, New York.



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ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

LOS ANGELES Lodge No. 35, I.O.O.F., has just celebrated its hundredth birthday. It was the first Odd Fellows lodge organized south of San Francisco. A dispensation, authorizing its formation, was issued by Grand Master John F. Morse in December, 1854, and the lodge was instituted on March 29, 1855.

On last March thirtieth appropriate ceremonies to commemorate the centennial were held at the Odd Fellows Temple at Oak and Washington Streets. Among the dignitaries were Grand Master Charles H. Henderson, Deputy Grand Master Arthur C. Tibert, and Grand Secretary Frank D. Macbeth.

First Members

The original members of the lodge were Ezra Drown, M. M. Davis, Alexander Crabb, L. C. Goodwin, E. Wilson High, Morris L. Goodman and William O. Ardinger.

The first officers were Morris L. Goodman, noble grand; William O. Ardinger, vice grand; L. C. Goodwin, secretary; and E. Wilson High, treasurer.

Goodman, a merchant, came to Los Angeles early in 1850. He was a native of Germany and at the time of his arrival was twenty-four years old. Interested in civic affairs he became a member of the first city council of Los Angeles which was organized on July 3, 1850, more than two months before California was admitted to the Union. In 1861 he served as a member of the board of supervisors. He was also a school trustee. Goodman devoted much of his later years to ranching.

L. C. "Clem" Goodwin, a Mexican War veteran, came to Los Angeles from Augusta, Maine, in 1854. After clerking for Elias Brothers he entered into partnership with M. Pollock. The new firm, dealing in general merchandise, established itself in business at the corner of Aliso Street and Nigger Alley. Goodwin returned to Maine, but came back to Los Angeles in 1864 and went into the clothing business with Lewis Polaski. In 1881 he sold out his interest to his partner and entered the banking business. He became vice presi-

dent of the Farmers & Merchants Bank.

Ezra Drown

Ezra Drown, an attorney, was the leader in organizing the new lodge. He had formerly resided in Iowa where he had served as a brigadier general in the militia. His voyage to California was a tragic one. He and his wife and two small sons were sailing northward on the steamship *Independence* which caught fire and burned to the water's edge, near Margarita Island, Lower California, on February 16, 1853.

In a desperate attempt to save his family Drown placed his wife on a piece of wreckage which had been swept from the deck. With his boys on his back he successfully swam to shore. He immediately plunged back into the sea to rescue his wife. As he came near her he was horrified to see a fear crazed fellow-passenger push her off the improvised raft. She sank beneath the waves before her husband could reach her.

Broken hearted, Drown arrived in Los Angeles with his sons and immediately commenced the practice of law. He was an able lawyer, well known for his eloquence. As district attorney he served Los Angeles County in 1858-1859 and in 1862-1863. He was a member of the city council in 1853, 1855, 1856, 1859, 1860 and 1862.

In May, 1859, Drown was sent as a commissioner to Santa Barbara where he successfully negotiated a plan to build a road between that city and Los Angeles. Living in a hot bed of secessionist sentiment in southern California during the Civil War, he was a loyal and outspoken supporter of the Union.

Drown was very liberal towards those less fortunate than himself and this generous trait prevented him from accumulating much of this world's goods. He passed away at San Juan Capistrano on August 17, 1863.

Grand Master Morse

Dr. John Frederick Morse, who issued the dispensation authorizing the formation of Los Angeles Lodge No. 35, was one of California's

greatest pioneer physicians. In 1849 he and Dr. J. D. B. Stillman organized the Masons and Odd Fellows hospital at Sutter's Fort in what is now Sacramento. This was the only institution of its kind in the town that was supported by the two great orders for the benefit of their members who had come to California in search of gold. Morse and Stillman performed invaluable services during the great cholera epidemic of 1850.

THEDA BARA

Theda Bara, great star of the silent screen, passed away on April seventh. Few people knew that her true name was Theodosia Goodman or that she was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in November, 1892. Publicity agents of her day declared that she was a descendant of Egyptian kings and was born in the shadow of the pyramids. In proof of their assertions they pointed out that "Bara" was merely "Arab" spelled backwards! Actually, "Theda" was a version of *Theodosia* while "Bara" was a shortened form of a family name, *De Bara*.

The great actress will always be remembered as being the first important *femme fatale* of the movies. For her was invented the name, *vamp*, from "vampire."

Before commencing her motion picture career she played in musical comedy in New York and in Paris. She came to Hollywood in 1914.

It was said that the film empire of William Fox was built upon Theda Bara, his first great star. Those early days were busy days. Miss Bara once recalled, "I never went to parties. I never was interviewed. I didn't

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LOS ANGELES Commandery No. 9, Knights Templar, observed its eighty-fifth birthday last March thirty-first. Following a sumptuous dinner served by the ladies of the Social Order of the Beauceant, the members repaired to the lodge room for an excellent program.

The Commandery's band gave a concert which was followed by a drill team exhibition. Dr. T. Walter Wallbank, professor of history at the University of Southern California and State Department consultant, delivered an interesting address on "What Every Knight Templar Should Know About the Crusades and the Middle East." Many Grand Commandery officers were in attendance. John S. Lanier, Captain-General, was program chairman.

Los Angeles Commandery is the largest body of its kind in the world and is the oldest in southern California. It was organized pursuant to a dispensation granted by Grand Commander William Franklin Knox on December 11, 1869. A charter was granted on April 11, 1870. Originally the Commandery was known as *Coeur de Leon*. This name was changed to *Los Angeles* Commandery on April 24, 1896.

The first members of the Commandery were Henry Sayre Orme, Arthur C. Holmes, John Q. A. Stanley, Russell T. Hayes, Thomas E. Rowan, George Hinds, Francis P. F. Temple, Columbus Hughes, Josiah E. Stephens, Henry Hamilton, Myron Stanley and Herman Neidecken.

The first commander, Dr. Henry Sayre Orme, was a native of Georgia who received his medical training in Virginia and New York universities. During the Civil War he was a surgeon in the Confederate Army. He came to Los Angeles during the smallpox epidemic of 1868 and was immediately engaged as city health officer to treat those afflicted by the dread disease. Orme was a great Mason. He served as Grand Commander in 1875, Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters in 1875 and 1876, Grand High Priest in 1881 and Grand Master of Masons in 1893. He was elected to receive the

33° in 1887, and was a charter member of Al Malaikah Shrine.

Dr. Russell T. Hayes was a pioneer physician who served as the first high priest of Los Angeles Chapter No. 33, R. A. M. Temple came to Los Angeles in 1841 at the age of nineteen. He became a rancher and banker. John Q. A. "Alphabet" Stanley was County Assessor in 1866 and 1867. He was one of the early Los Angeles Rangers. Hamilton, a forty-niner, was once editor of the old *Los Angeles Star*.

Rowan started his career as a baker and made a fortune in real estate. He served as mayor, city treasurer, county treasurer and county supervisor. George Hinds was Collector of Customs at Wilmington. He was elected sixteen times worshipful master of Wilmington Lodge No. 198!

Los Angeles Commandery has had many other distinguished members. William D. Stephens, a Past Grand Commander, served as governor of California. Henry Z. Osborne was a United States Senator. Ansel Mellen Bragg was the first Grand Master of Masons of Arizona.

Trowbridge Hyer Ward, a Past Grand Commander, was Los Angeles County Clerk and Clerk of the Supreme Court of California. Leo V. Youngworth, a Past Grand High Priest, served as Imperial Potentate of the Shrine. Angus Cavanagh, also a Past Grand High Priest, was a Los Angeles High School principal. Robert Wankowski, a banker, who also served as a general, was a Past Grand Commander. Leonard E. Thomas, an attorney and Past Grand High Priest, was a general in World War II. Other members who served as Grand Commanders were William A. Hammel, once Los Angeles County Sheriff; Andrew J. Copp, attorney United States Army Colonel; and Arthur M. Loomis, Certified Public Accountant.

Among the present officers of Los Angeles Commandery are: Syllas S. Meyer, Commander; Floyd D. Delafield, Generalissimo; John S. Lanier, Captain General; and Bertram F. Cline, Recorder.

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MEMOIRS

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if she would like to raise some chickens of her own. She expended a lot of care and affection on that fussy old hen, who seemed, in her peculiar way to accept such attention.

I told Anne how my mother, under similar circumstances, blackened a part of each egg so any intruding layers could not spoil the success of the hatch by depositing a fresh egg or so unnoticed. Anne told me one day as I returned home that instead of marking the eggs she had written the names of near related and cherished loved ones on each of them. During the incubation period she often remarked how interesting it would be when Uncle John or Aunt Agnes hatched out of the shell.

She ran out to meet me one day and informed me that Aunt Agnes had won first place and that she was a fine looking chick. I had to go and see her at once. Soon others followed and without any fatalities. Both Anne and the old hen were very proud. One day Anne came to me stating that Aunt Agnes was growing a red comb and making a peculiar sort of chirp—different from the others. I explained that she was evidently a rooster. When the chickens grew to the size that they would be suitable for the table Anne could not bear the thought of killing them and to eat them was simply unthinkable. So they were sold.

West Anaheim

West Anaheim was a small community having a brewery, several stores and a railway station. Tim Carroll's nursery was patronized by many of the local people. Tim was a real character and his clear Irish brogue stamped him instantly as a son of Erin. He grew acres of palms and as a monument to his memory two long rows of stately palm trees decorate both sides of Lincoln Avenue, west of Anaheim. I am informed that they will soon be removed to allow for the widening of the boulevard.

Orange County was a center of the sugar beet industry and Mr. Carroll invented a beet dump that was eventually used in many other areas and on the railroads. It was a very useful labor saving device.

Another well known old timer of West Anaheim was the amiable Scotsman, Alexander Henry. He came here in the very early days, bought a tract of land and planted grapes. At that time the wine industry was Anaheim's chief means of support. When the vine disease destroyed the grapes in 1889 he and his sons planted the ranch to oranges and lemons. Mr. Henry, being a real Scotsman, enjoyed a visit to Anaheim dressed in his kilts and wearing a Scotch cap placed at a jaunty tilt.

On festive days such as the Fourth of July he would bring his cannon with him and set it up in some spot which was not too close to large windows. He would fire several earth shaking and death dealing sal-

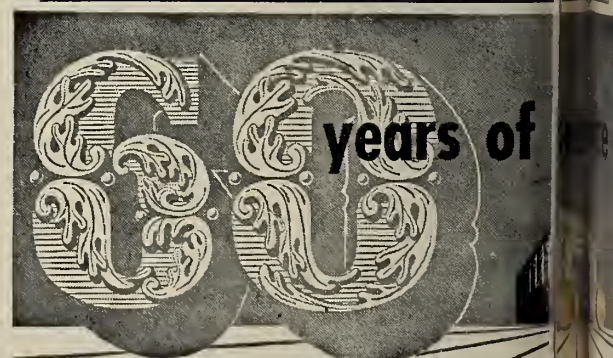
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vos from his improvised artillery. He delighted in relating incidents of his life in the homeland, his experiences in the early days in San Francisco, and his efforts in grape growing here.

Chinese

Most of the early California towns had an area set apart for the Chinese. These Orientals lived about as they and their ancestors had lived in China. Anaheim was not behind other localities and had a well developed Chinatown in the business section.

Man Wo was their most important citizen, having a small store on the corner. Some will remember Ah Foo who helped many a housewife by doing odd jobs around the yard.

New Year's Day

I remember that on New Years Day, 1900, the Strodthoffs held "open house," afternoon and evening. I had planned to call in the afternoon, but was prevented from going until evening by a call to the home of Henry Gade. He had a family of girls, but was hoping that the new addition to the family would be a boy, and his hopes were realized. He paid me the honor of giving his boy my first name and then proceeded to celebrate the occasion as was the custom of proud fathers of that time.

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Sparrow and Canary

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taught him checkers and now he was trying to teach him chess and he would say, You've got a good head for it my little Rooster, and he would reach across the table and pat John's hand. And sometimes Uncle Dan and John played catch in the alley back of the drug store. Aunt Dot would stay inside and watch.

Here comes a hot one, Uncle Dan would say and wind up his arm like a buggy wheel and then throw an easy one and try to hide his smile with his hand.

Very often Butch and Skinny and Red came over and played with



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them. And once old Mr Swanson who was a blacksmith and had his shop across the alley and made enough noise on his anvil to be heard to the edge of town well one day he came out.

Doc's heart is big enough for everybody to play in, he said and took off his leather apron and joined in the game. His arms were as big as Uncle Dan's legs.

* * *

Then of course sometimes John had to stay after school because he wasn't the way he should be and then he had to write, I will be good, one hundred times and he would be too late to play ball and he told Uncle Dan about it.

* * *

The following Saturday Uncle Dan taught John to write, I will be good, with four pencils at one time.

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THEDA BARA

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have time. I made forty pictures in four years!"

Miss Bara became famous in 1915 with her role in "A Fool There Was," a great box office attraction. In many films that followed she played the part of a seductive heart-breaker. She became known as "The Vamp," "The Lady of High Tension Love," and "Champion Homebreaker."

Among her screen triumphs were "The Vixen," "The Tiger Woman," "The She-Devil," "The Serpent of the Nile," and "The Siren's Song." She also played "Cleopatra," "Du Barry," "Camille," and "Carmen."



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AT THE BAR



Forty years ago the members of the City Council of Los Angeles attempted to correct the abuses attendant upon the indiscriminate soliciting of funds for charitable purposes. They adopted an ordinance establishing the Municipal Charities Commission and provided that no person or group could ask for a charitable donation without first obtaining a permit from the Commission.

No doubt the councilmen had the best of intentions, but the ordinance they enacted didn't work as they planned. The local Salvation Army was denied a permit because of its inability to comply with certain restrictions pertaining to sending some of its funds out of the city. Its members decided to disregard the ordinance and continue their work. One of their officers, William J. Dart, was arrested. He applied to the California Supreme Court for a writ of habeas corpus.

Justice Henshaw's opinion in the case is now regarded as a legal classic. He declared, "Always desirous of yielding obedience to the law, and of 'rendering to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,' the Salvation Army endeavored to comply with the exactions of the Charities Commission, but was unable to comply with some of them without impairing its efficiency and integrity as an organized society for religio-charitable work . . .

"Charity is not only to begin at home, but to end at home, saving, as under 'permit,' it may be suffered to go abroad. The quality of Mercy (and so necessarily of Charity) we are told

'is not strained;

It droppeth as the gentle rain from Heaven

Upon the place beneath.'

"But in Los Angeles it is to be strained, and drop as from a sprinkling-pot in the guiding hand of the Charity Commission . . .

"Certain features of this ordinance at once strike the reader. Money may be freely sent abroad by any 'established church' for the uplift of the soul of the Senegambian, and this is very well; but no penny can be sent to Belgium, to Poland, to Serbia, to still the wailing of the children, or allay the anguish of women [this was written during World War I] except under a 'permit' from the Charity Commission.

"Nay, more, in the city of Los Angeles itself, its needy childhood goes unfed and unclothed, its dependent womanhood unprotected and uncared for by organized charities except they have a 'permit'. Surely here if anywhere is

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BLACK BART

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permission to go, picked up his Henry rifle, and took his seat alongside McConnell. The horses were driven at a trot until the stage approached the steep grade of Funk Hill, about four miles from Copperopolis. As the team slowed down to a walk Jimmie decided to get off and see if he could sight a rabbit or maybe a deer. He would take the short cut around the hill and meet McConnell at the bottom of the grade on the other side.

"Here's hoping you get a bear," exclaimed the driver as he stopped to permit Jimmie to alight.

The stage resumed its slow journey up the hill. Just before it reached the summit McConnell heard a rustle in the brush. There stood a hooded figure pointing a double barrel shotgun at him. He stopped the team abruptly. No doubt about it, it was Black Bart. He had read his description many times on Wells, Fargo posters.

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Raise My Boy to Be a Soldier." He
also composed "The Curse of an
Aching Heart," "Baby Shoes," and
"That's How I Need You."

He was a charter member of
ASCAP and was a well known per-
former in vaudeville during the
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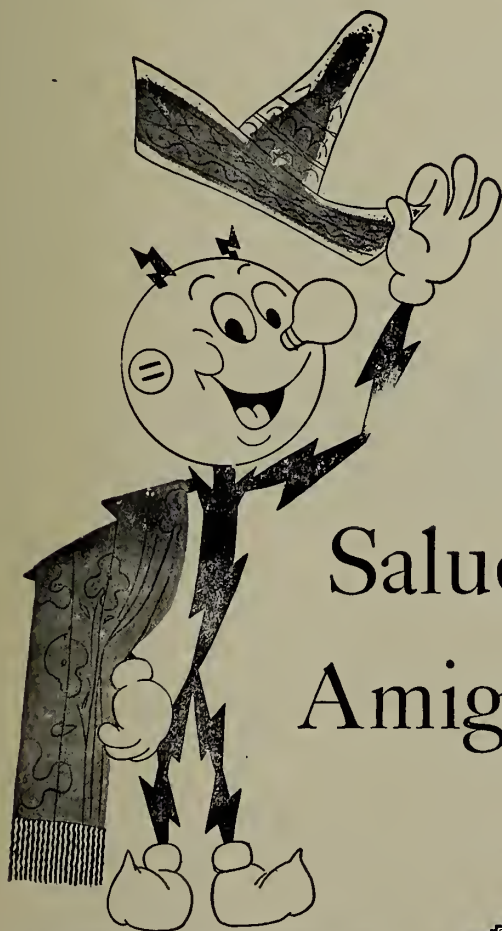
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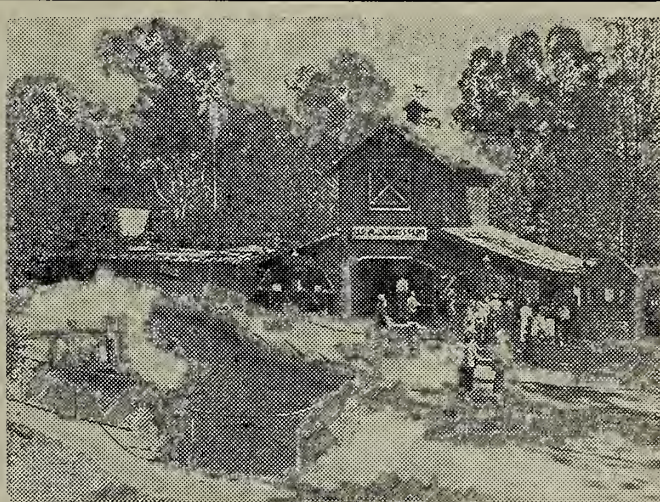


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BLACK BART

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"Who was that man who got off down below?" demanded the highwayman.

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"Get down."

"Can't, the brakes are bad; they won't hold. The stage will roll back down hill."

The stranger hesitated.

"It won't roll down if you put a stone behind a wheel," he observed.

"You do it."

And Black Bart did!

"Now get down."

McConnell obeyed.

"Pull out the box."

"I can't; it's bolted to the floor."

Black Bart paused.

"Unhitch the horses and lead them over the hill."

As the driver complied, the highwayman leaped into the stage and attacked the box with an axe which he always carried.

Meanwhile McConnell prayed for the appearance of Jimmie. Finally the boy came into sight and the stage driver signalled to him. Jimmie sensed something was wrong. Where was the stage? He came up to where McConnell was standing and the two quietly crept up the hill. Peering over the crest they observed Black Bart backing out of the coach with a bag over his shoulder.

McConnell seized Jimmie's rifle and fired twice at the bandit. Bart began to run. Jimmie grabbed the gun and shot. The bandit stumbled, dropped a bundle of papers from his hand and disappeared into the brush. McConnell picked up the documents which were smeared with blood.

"Well, we winged him, anyway," he exclaimed.

Hastily they hitched the team to the stage and sped into Copperopolis where they reported the robbery. Telegrams were sent to Sheriff Ben K. Thorn at San Andreas and to John N. Thacker, a Wells, Fargo detective at San Francisco.

Thorn was a thorough man. Col-

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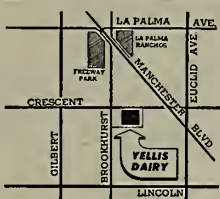
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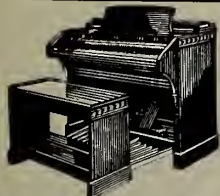
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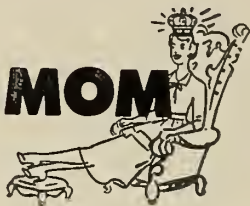
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BLACK BART

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lecting a posse he made a careful search of the scene of the robbery. Near the top of the hill he found a small derby hat. Further on he discovered a camp site where Black Bart had stayed while planning the robbery. Here he discovered two paper bags containing some crackers and sugar. Both sacks were stamped with the name of Mrs. J. G. Crawford who kept a grocery store at Angel's Camp, about twelve miles away. He also found a pair of field glasses, a quartz magnifying glass, two flour sacks and a handkerchief full of buckshot. A careful examination of the handkerchief revealed something else, a laundry mark, "F.X.O.7."

In searching the neighborhood Thorn encountered a hunter, named Martin, who lived in a cabin about three-fourths of a mile from the scene of the holdup. He reported that on the morning of the robbery that

he had seen a man with gray whiskers who said he lived in Jackson.

"Something funny about this man," recalled Martin, "Said he had been to Chinese Camp, but then he asked the way to Jackson. If he lived there why ask the way?"

Thorn then had a talk with "Doc" I. P. Sylvester who said he saw a man with a gray moustache and imperial who said he was on his way to Jackson and asked how far it was to Angel's Camp.

At Angel's Camp Mrs. Crawford recollected having had a customer answering to the description given by Martin and Sylvester who had bought some crackers and sugar which had been put in sacks similar to those shown her by Thorn.

Detective Thacker made an investigation and he and Thorn then traveled to San Francisco to discuss the case with James B. Hume, chief of the Wells, Fargo police. Hume examined the evidence which had been collected. He was particularly interested in the handkerchief and immediately set his assistant Harry Morse to work to find out who owned the mark.

At the time there were ninety-one laundries in the city. After a week's work Morse located the mark in the California Laundry operated by Ferguson & Biggy. Ferguson reported that the owner of this particular mark was C. E. Bolton who left his laundry with an agency operated by Thomas C. Ware on Bush Street.

Casually Morse struck up a conversation with Ware. Was he well acquainted with Bolton? Indeed, he

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was, he was an important mining man. What a coincidence, observed Morse, he too, was a mining man. Perhaps he and Bolton might have interests in common. Did he know where the gentleman lived? Helpful Mr. Ware declared that Mr. Bolton resided at Room 40 in the Webb House at 37 Second Street.

Morse made a trip to the hotel. Bolton was not in. Through Captain Stone of the San Francisco police, he had a watch set on the place. Then he returned to resume his visit with Ware. As they stood talking, the laundry agent looked up the street and exclaimed, "There comes Mr. Bolton now. I'll introduce you. By the way, what's your name?"

"Hamilton," Morse replied.

Ware introduced the two men.

"I understand you are in the mining business," ventured Morse.

"That I am."

"Can you give me a little of your time. I would like your advice on a matter."

The two men walked up the street, Morse keeping up an animated conversation.

In a few minutes he steered Bolton into the offices of Wells, Fargo where Hume was waiting. Morse introduced the two.

"Mr. Bolton is a mining man."

"Indeed, where is your mine?"

Bolton replied vaguely. A long conversation followed. How did he lose the skin off his knuckle? Where had he been recently? Bolton became indignant. Did they question his integrity?

Ultimately the three men visited Room 40 at the Webb House. Morse opened a trunk and found a bundle of laundry containing cuffs, collars and one handkerchief. All bore the laundry mark, "F.X.O.7."

Hume bluntly confronted Bolton with the handkerchief found by Thorn which bore the same mark. Just a coincidence, maintained the accused man. Taken to the police station and booked unexpectedly he announced his name to be "T. Z. Spaulding."

Bolton was then taken to San Andreas. On the way he was persuaded to try on the derby found at Funk hill. It fit him exactly. At Stockton the party was met by Sheriff Thorn and Martin, the hunter. Martin was not permitted to see Bolton until after he was in the crowd, in order to make the identification fair and positive. He had no trouble picking out the erstwhile "mining man." At Milton, McConnell awaited them. He immediately identified

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the voice of Bolton as being that of the man who held him up.

Detective Morse quizzed the accused man for over five hours. After much vehement denying Bolton finally offered to lead the officers to where he had hidden the contents of the strong box. Everything was found exactly where he said it would be.

He was taken before Judge C. V. Gottschalk at San Andreas and plead guilty to a single count of robbery, and was immediately sentenced to six years in prison.

There has been much criticism for failure to prosecute Black Bart for his many crimes. However, it should be pointed out that the only victim of his holdups, Wells, Fargo, was content. Perhaps its officials agreed with the philosophy set forth in the following verses ascribed to Black Bart, but which he probably never wrote:

"I rob the rich to feed the poor,
Which hardly is a sin:
A widow ne'er knocked at my door
But what I let her in.
So blame me not for what I've done,
I don't deserve your curses,
And if for any cause I'm hung,
Let it be for my verses."

MINT

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only coins ever struck by the United States that have been demonetized.

The Mint produced silver half dimes from 1863 to 1877. It minted Liberty head nickels in 1912, the last year of issue of this particular type of five cent piece. It has, of course, struck both Buffalo and Jefferson nickels until this year when it produced only dimes and cents.

It first stamped out Indian head pennies in 1908 and produced a few in 1909 which are now in the realm of rarities. Many will recall the "VDB" Lincoln cents which were struck in 1909, the first year of issue of the new type. Those bearing the mint mark, "S," are rather valuable today as San Francisco Mint pro-

duced relatively few of them. "VDB" are the initials of Victor D. Brenner who designed the coin which was originally issued to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

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United States Mints

Today, the Philadelphia and Denver mints coin all the nation's money. Throughout the years seven different establishments have performed the function of coinage.

Philadelphia is the oldest, having been organized in 1793. By the Act of March 3, 1835, Congress authorized mints to be established at Charlotte, North Carolina; Dahlonega, Georgia; and New Orleans, Louisiana. The first two of these were designed to coin gold only. The Dahlonega mint opened in 1835, and the one at Charlotte a year later. Both of them were closed in 1861.

The New Orleans Mint was organized in 1838. Coinage was suspended in 1861 and resumed in 1879. No coins were struck after June 30, 1909.

In 1863 a mint was authorized at Carson City, Nevada. It was organized in 1870 and discontinued coinage in 1893. The old building which housed it is now a historical museum.

The San Francisco Mint is an imposing five story, white granite structure, covering a city block

bounded by Buchanan, Hermann, Webster and Duboce Streets. When the building was erected a contemporary described it as squatting "on the scalped dome of live rock which made that block a real estate liability until the government took it." The new mint was dedicated in May, 1937, by the Federal Director, Nellie Tayloe Ross. It was a great improvement over the old quarters at Fifth and Mission. Today, its coining machinery is deemed slow and outmoded compared with that at Denver.

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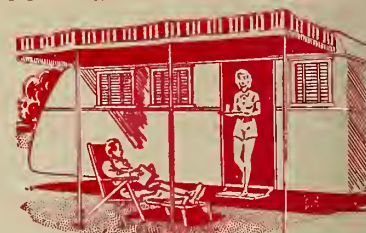
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HENRY BUSSE

Henry Busse, nationally known orchestra leader, died of a heart attack at the Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tennessee, on last April twenty-third. Only a few hours before his death he had appeared with his orchestra at the Peabody Roof.

It is recalled that he bounded to fame with his rendition of the trumpet solo in Paul Whiteman's arrangement of "When Day Is Done." At the height of his playing career he was known as the world's greatest trumpeter.

He was a contemporary of the great pioneers of jazz such as Bix Beiderbecke, Jack Teagarden, Ferde Grofe, Frankie Trumbauer, Roy Bargy and the Dorsey brothers.

Busse was born in Madgesburg, Germany, on May 19, 1894. When he came to America in 1912 his sole possessions were his trumpet and three dollars. In 1935 he married Lorayne Brocke with whom he appeared in the movies, "Rhapsody in Blue" and "Lady, Let's Dance." He resided at 1776 Sullivan Canyon Road, Westwood, California.

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A busy woodpecker! what would you call

This monk of a fellow, tapping a tree,

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To bury his acorns in; what would you call

Such a curious monk as he?

Tucking his acorns away in their tomb,

To feed upon by-and-by at his will—

Does he ever think of the hidden bloom

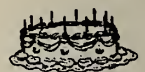
In the acorn's heart? though shut in a tomb

There's a germ of life nursed there still!

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS CALIFORNIANS



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THE CELEBRATED JUMPING FROG OF CALAVERAS COUNTY

Fact or Fable?



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ROY WEIMER, Angels Camp rancher, holds "Lucky Lager" (full of hops) who broke the record last year when it jumped 16 feet, 10 inches.

THE Jumping Frog Jubilee at Angels Camp has become a California institution. In May of each year frogs are entered in an exciting contest to determine the greatest jumper.

Last year "Lucky Lager," owned by Roy Weimer of Angels Camp, won the all time record by leaping sixteen feet, ten inches! Under the rules of the contest he negotiated this remarkable distance in three consecutive jumps, a hop, skip and jump, so to speak.

About 25,000 people annually attend the Jubilee which was inaugurated in 1927. It commemorates an event which Mark Twain maintained actually happened and which he graphically described in his story of the "Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."

Whether Twain's story is fact or fable is debatable. From a literary discovery made many years ago, which will be discussed later in this article, it is probable that the tale is pure fiction. But irrespective of the source of the plot, the story as told by the great humorist remains a classic in American literature.

For those who have never read Twain's account of this remarkable amphibian, the following streamlined version is offered.

Twain's Version

According to Twain, at the request of a friend, he sought out an old gentleman, named Simon Wheeler, to determine if he knew anything of the whereabouts of one Rev. Leonidas W. Smiley who had come to California. Wheeler knew nothing about Leonidas Smiley but recalled a man known as Jim Smiley.

He remembered that Jim liked to bet; that he was "always betting on anything that turned up." Smiley owned many animals, but the most renowned of them all was his frog named "Dan'l Webster." Dan'l possessed extraordinary leaping powers and his master consistently won sums of money betting on him in jumping contests.

Here is the rest of the story as Twain told it (slightly abridged.)

"Well, Smiley kep' the beast in a little lattice box, and he used to fetch him downtown sometimes and lay for a bet. One day a feller—a stranger in the camp, he was—come acrost him with his box and says:

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From Teacher To Governor

CALIFORNIA was in the depths of the Great Depression when Frank Finley Merriam became its governor. Hard work and long political experience had prepared the new executive for the heavy duties which were suddenly thrust upon him by the death of Governor James Rolph, Jr. on June 2, 1934.

Early Life

Merriam was a product of mid-western pioneer life. He was born in a log cabin on a farm near Hopkinton, Iowa, on December 22, 1865, the son of Henry Clay Merriam and Anna E. Finley Merriam. His father had served as a lieutenant in the Horner's Nest Brigade of the 12th Iowa Infantry in the Civil War, having been captured at the Battle of Shiloh.

Young Frank was blessed with a rugged physique which enabled him to perform a prodigious amount of labor throughout his busy life. Being the eldest of a large family of children he was introduced to matters of responsibility at an early age.

He had a thirst for knowledge and worked his way through Lenox College, at Hopkinton, by serving as janitor, librarian and tutor. During summer vacations he labored as a carpenter and farm hand. Upon his graduation in 1888 he was appointed school principal of Hopkinton, a position he retained until 1892 when



FRANK F. MERRIAM

he was chosen superintendent of schools of Wisner, Nebraska.

The future governor had his first taste of politics in 1894 when he was selected to head the speakers bureau of the Iowa State Republican Central Committee. Thereafter he served as principal of schools in Hesper and Postville, Iowa.

Newspaper Work

His teaching career came to a close with his entry into the newspaper field when he purchased the Hopkinton **Leader**. With this venture his political life actually began. Commencing in 1896 he served two terms in the House of Representatives of the Iowa legislature. In 1898 he was chosen State Auditor of Iowa and was reelected by a large majority.

The pioneering instinct was strong in Merriam and he went to Oklahoma where in 1901 he participated in the El Reno land rush when the Kiowa-Apache-Comanche reservation was opened by lottery to white settlers. Subsequently he reentered newspaper work by purchasing the **Times** at Muskogee, Indian Territory. Later he acquired half interest in the other local paper, the Muskogee **Phoenix**, which he managed.

California

Because of ill-health in the family Merriam came to Long Beach, California, in 1910, and served as advertising manager of the Long Beach **Press**, forerunner of the **Press-Telegram**, until 1920 when he went

into the real estate brokerage business.

From 1924 to 1926 he was president of the Citizens National Bank of Long Beach and thereafter he served as vice-president and director.

Political Career

Politically, Merriam's career in California was outstanding. Commencing in 1916 he served five terms in the Assembly being Speaker in the 45th and 46th Sessions. In 1922 he had charge of the southern California gubernatorial campaign of Friend W. Richardson and two years later handled Calvin Coolidge's presidential campaign for the same area.

1928 was a busy year for him. He was not only elected to the State Senate, but also was chosen chairman of the State Republican Central Committee and as such managed Herbert Hoover's California campaign.

Two years later he was elected Lieutenant-Governor, defeating Talant Tubbs, an ardent antiprohibitionist. Upon the death of Governor James Rolph, Jr., on June 2, 1934, Merriam became governor. He was sworn in at the State building in Los Angeles.

His election to the governorship in 1934 was an exciting one. In the primaries the vote was split up as follows: Upton Sinclair, Democrat, 436,000; George Creel, Democrat, 288,000; Frank F. Merriam, Republican, 336,000; C. C. Young, Republican, 331,000; John R. Quinn, Republican, 153,000; and Raymond Haight, Progressive, 88,000.

In the general election that followed, the battle raged between Sinclair and Merriam, Haight being more or less forgotten although he received numerous Democratic votes. Sinclair campaigned for his "Epic" program: "End Poverty in California." As election day neared the voters became very apprehensive about Sinclair. Despite the fact that there was a substantial Democratic registration, party lines were disregarded and Merriam won. He received 1,138,620 votes, Sinclair 879,557 and Haight, 302,519.

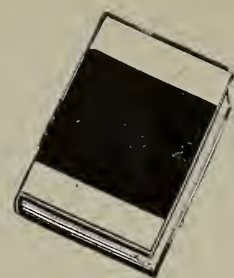
Governorship

During his governorship Merriam struggled valiantly against the forces of depression. It was during his administration, and with his endorsement and approval, that the state

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The Author of "Good-bye, Mr. Chips" Lived in California



JAMES HILTON, author of *Good-bye, Mr. Chips*, who passed away at the Seaside Hospital in Long Beach on last December twentieth, had been a resident of that city for ten years.

Born at Leigh, Lancashire, England, on September 9, 1900, he lived the early years of his life in London where his father was a schoolmaster.

Attending Leys School in Cambridge he was "brought up in the English public school world of the ablative absolute and toasted crumpet for tea, of Greek verses and cricket." These early experiences were reflected in his delightful story of Mr. Chips.

In 1921 Hilton received his B. A. degree in history and the English tripos (first class) from Christ's College of Cambridge University. While an undergraduate he contributed to the *Manchester Guardian* and the *Irish Independent* of Dublin as well as writing a novel, *Catherine Herself*.

Later he recalled, "I came out of the university at an unfortunate time. I wanted a job, and so did thousands of other men, in the post-war slump. I did not become overburdened with riches from royalties. Really, the first one of the many books I had written which brought me a good return was *And Now Good-bye*, which appeared in 1931."

Good-bye, Mr. Chips

Hilton did not become famous until he wrote *Good-bye, Mr. Chips*. His experiences in writing this book are interesting. He said, "My first stroke of good luck came all unknown to me when in the latter part of 1933 I was approached by the editor of the *British Weekly*, the great non-conformist Protestant publication, who asked me to write a long short story for his special Christmas supplement to be completed within a fortnight. I never suffered so much in my life."

"A whole week out of my precious two was spent in a blue funk, think-

ing I just could not go on with the job. I had no ideas, no plot, no anything. Then one foggy winter morning I got out my bicycle and determined to just run away from my haggard self. I was enjoying the keen air and the exercise when suddenly an idea bobbed up and I saw my whole story in a flash. I rode back home as hard as I could go, and in four days I had banged out the whole thing. That was *Good-bye, Mr. Chips*."

The story was received with "mildly favorable comment" and, to quote Hilton, he considered "it a closed case." However, the editor of *British Weekly* urged the author to submit *Good-bye, Mr. Chips* to the American public, and Hilton sent the manuscript to the *Atlantic Monthly* which published it in its April, 1934, issue.

Fortunately for Hilton, Alexander Woollcott gave the story his enthusiastic approval. He praised it in the *New Yorker* and on the radio. Woollcott had a great following and at his suggestion thousands of Americans bought the story when it was published in book form in June, 1934.

Good-bye, Mr. Chips was dramatized in 1938. In the following year a film version was produced with Robert Donat starring as Mr. Chips and Greer Garson portraying the role of his young wife. Woollcott called this "the most moving of all moving pictures."

Shangri-La

The success of *Good-bye, Mr. Chips* served to introduce the American public to Hilton's *Lost Horizon* which had been published in England in 1933 and had won for him the Hawthornden Prize. This novel is the tale of an Englishman who finds escape in a mythical valley in Tibet called *Shangri-La*.

It will be recalled that President Franklin D. Roosevelt used the name, *Shangri-La*, in describing the base from which General James Doo-

little's planes flew on their mission to bomb Japan. Later an aircraft carrier was christened *Shangri-La*.

Literary Style

Hilton possessed a smooth literary style which, combined with his ability as a gifted story teller, made his books good sellers. Many critics have searched for the cause of his popularity. Bearing in mind that he reached the zenith of his career during the great depression, this explanation is probably the correct one: "Mr. Hilton gave the public, many of whose authors were engrossed with the class struggle, a glimpse of success into philosophical reflection, a sight of a man who made peace and quiet in his own mind, and the public rose to meet him."

In addition to several successful books, Hilton wrote short stories and scripts for screen plays.

He was a member of the board of governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and served as vice-president of the Screen Writers Guild.

Hilton first came to the United States in 1935 to assist in the filming of *Lost Horizon* and *Knight Without Armour*, the latter film starring Marlene Dietrich. In 1940 he decided to remain in this country. However he did not take out his first citizenship papers until 1948.

Appearance

Hilton has been described as "a smallish, unassuming, fresh-faced Englishman with a very contained manner. His hair was neat, and his speech was neatly turned. A friend observed that, "He is sturdily built, not too close to the ground, and might easily pass for a good Hollywood burgher of the cash-and-carry order."

The author was unfortunate in his married life. He divorced Alice Helen Brown Hilton in 1937, at Juarez, Mexico, and married Galina Kopineck. His second marriage was

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THE MEMOIRS OF HERBERT ALLAN JOHNSTON, M. D.

Part three

A doctor cannot advertise and maintain the respect of the community in which he lives. He has no method of increasing his practice but through the recommendations of his patients. The ethics of medicine have always frowned on any attempt to circumvent their restriction, rules and regulations, so the physician must sit and wait. For a young man just out of college and hospital, having a mind filled with scientific medical knowledge of the very latest type, it is a difficult position for him to gracefully occupy.

Early Practice

James E. Bryan once made an observation particularly applicable to my early professional life. He said, "Learning to live with one's self must involve living with one's family. Moreover, the doctor's wife, if she truly shares her husband's problems—insofar as the doctor is free, ethically to share his professional life with his wife—will be able to become an intelligent partner in promoting good public relations for her husband."

In our five room combination of dwelling, reception room and office we found ourselves terribly hampered by lack of space. Anne had but slight interest in assisting me in the office, but her graciousness, and love of children and people generally, was a wonderful help many times. I often wondered if certain mothers did not come more from a desire to see her than to see me, to show her their babies and hear her remarks about their children, besides having her care for the baby while the mother was seeking help from me in the office. No requirement for the baby's comfort was too difficult for her, and her supply of lullabies, toys and rattles was a soothing adjunct to the equipment of the reception room.

A lesson I learned early in my practice was that a doctor can be too secretive regarding his patients. Anne came home from church one Sunday and told me that she felt very keenly about the fact that I had

not informed her concerning the illness of one of her highly valued church friends. She stated that many people had asked her about the sickness and present condition of her friend, and she had to tell them that I had never mentioned it to her, which surprised them. So there are instances where absolute secrecy is not to be recommended. Because of this experience I began to be more communicative to her regarding our mutual friends which helped to prevent such embarrassing situations from recurring.

One of my daughters informed me a few days ago that her mother had told her about how I did some advertising during these early and difficult years. I had reached the point when I was having about a dozen office calls a week. Only very rarely would any caller find another pa-



Driving through town
as if answering a
very important call

tient in my office, a situation which tended to cause them to think that I had only the one patient. So I decided to have but two office periods a week, Mondays and Thursdays. Under this new plan each patient would see two or three others waiting their turns, which I felt was better advertising.

Then my daughter reminded me of there being a few instances when my business was so poor that I harnessed my horse and drove through town at high speed as if I were answering a very urgent call. I was soon cured of that method of in-

creasing practice by an acquaintance referring to my fast driving through town on a certain day, and wanting to know who was so sick or if there had been an accident. My only reply was that the difficulty was very much over rated. That satisfied him.

A Serious Case

A husband called one evening and told me a long story about his wife's illness which was so severe it kept her confined to bed most of the time. He declared that they had consulted both local and outside doctors, but she had not been helped very much, and he wanted me to see her the next day at their home. I agreed and found her to be bedfast and suffering as he had described her symptoms.

I listened to her own description of her case and of the different treatments she had undergone without benefit. I made a careful examination and found conditions which made me feel that I had enough data to venture the making of a diagnosis, but preferred to think it over until the following day. However, she wanted to know right away and when I said, "probably gallstones" she replied, "well, that's a new one, anyway." She quizzed me closely on the symptoms I had discovered, and I showed her the location of the gall bladder and pressing on it she exclaimed "there's my difficulty."

I saw her again the next day and was convinced that her trouble was definitely where I had found the tender spot. The next requirement was the treatment which I explained would be the removal of the stones, and would necessitate her going to a hospital in Los Angeles for surgery. She agreed at once, and shortly thereafter went to the hospital. I had arranged for a well and favorably known surgeon to see her and, if he concurred, to perform the operation. I attended the procedure as an onlooker, but did not assist. The operation lasted some time but the gall bladder could not be found because of dense adhesions. Therefore the surgeon could not state whether

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Part V



Fletcher's Castoria and the next one Carter's Little Liver Pills or Dr. King's New Discovery and so on.

But almost anyone doesn't read these big letters.

Anyway if they did they would soon forget.

Because when you look at a calendar you just see a lot of little squares with numbers in them. They all look alike. Even the numbers look alike. That is they are alike in each month. But then when you look again you might see here and there one number in red. It stands out from the black numbers. It is different. And you wait for that day with the red number to come. Fourth of July or Washington's Birthday or it might be Thanksgiving or some other.

And again maybe the red-letter day isn't on the calendar at all. All over the world everybody else would be living just a black-letter day and yours would be red for you. John had many red-letter days like that.

He remembered lots of them. One was when he first saw Hattie and another when he first went to school. Another was his fight with Oscar. And when he lost his big Agate. Another when his father pledged him to the Lord.

Yes, John remembered.

Then one day there was another red-letter day. It was when Aunt Emmie came from the city to stay at John's house over Sunday.

We will be crowded, Father said. This house isn't even big enough for the few rooms it has.

She'll have a long face, Mother said in a sad voice and she was thinking how Uncle George had been so full of loving his wife.

But when Aunt Emmie came she was laughing.

And when John looked at her he was puzzled about this. And he remembered how thin and white she used to be and now she was fat and pink.

John thought she looked very pretty.

Well that Sunday when he was walking with her behind Father and Mother on the way to church he asked his aunt how it was that she got fat and pretty after Uncle George was dead.

And Aunt Emmie got more pink.

Father sold the Methodist Church a new organ.

That was a good sale, Father said

and he counted the money and bought a horse named Joseph.

Joseph's ears stood up like bayonets. His skin was as shiny as his new harness.

We need him, Father said. We need him for calls and deliveries.

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That was the year John started to take lessons on the reed organ from Professor Hans.

So he can learn to play in church, Father said.

The professor was a tall man with reddish skin and he heard only when someone spoke too loud and his eyes were almost pink. On his head he wore a white hair brush with the bristles turned up. That's the way his pompadour looked.

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And he wasn't really as old as he seemed.

That's what teaching does to me, he would say.

But everybody loved Professor Hans and nobody really counted how old he was.

Once Mrs. Grady said, You don't count a man's years until he has nothing else left to count.

The professor came up from the city every week and stayed overnight at Grady's Boarding House and gave music lessons.

An old organ stood in the corner of the parlor.

We bought that organ from your pa, Mrs. Grady said.

It was covered with photographs.

Wedding pictures.

Pictures of wax flowers.

Pictures of dead people in their coffins.

On lesson day Professor Hans' book of Mozart Sonatas was always on the music desk.

You play the wrong notes, the professor would say to John. But you have a soul, he would say and raise his shoulders up to his ears.

And then he would sit at the organ and play the right notes for John.

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WELL the days went into months and Father tore page after page from the calendar and when the months made a year he threw the calendar away and Uncle Dan brought him another and in big letters one of the calendars would read



AT THE BAR

"COMPLICATIONS"

JUDGE A. W. Swayze's first day as justice of the peace proved to be a rather complicated one. He had arrived at the Orange city hall at an early hour secretly hoping that some of his friends would be present to wish him well. He felt a certain sense of exhilaration as he walked up the steps. After all he had a right to be proud of the decisive vote by which he had trounced the former judge in the recent election.

But fame is short lived. Nobody was present to greet him except the janitor who presented him with the key to the court room. Of course he had not expected his predecessor to be present to welcome him to office, but it was a bit disappointing that nobody came.

After all, the pudgy, little old justice was well known in Orange County. For several years he had served as bailiff in Judge Allen's Superior Court. He counted many important lawyers among his friends.

Slowly the new jurist walked up the stairs to the second floor. Unlocking the door he walked through the court room to the small adjoining room which was dignified with the title of "Judge's Chambers." As he entered his inner sanctum he stood aghast. A large table was stacked high with a jumbled mass of court documents. The former judge had kept many papers in neat piles on this table instead of filing them. Now these papers were in hopeless disorder as though a dog had turned round and round in them before lying down.

Judge Swayze viewed the situation with dismay. He looked about him. Not a legal form or blank was in evidence. In nervous agitation he reached for the telephone and called

the District Attorney's office at Santa Ana.

"I want to talk to Leo Friis," he roared.

The deputy answered.

"What can I do for you, Judge?"

"Plenty. You ought to see my office. It's like a pig pen. Everything is mixed up. Papers all over the place. I can't find a legal form of any kind. What'll I do?"

"Are the court dockets there?"

"Just a minute, I'll see."

A few moments passed and the judge returned to the telephone.

"Yes, they're all here."

"Good, you're O. K. We can get the papers back in shape. I'll bring you over some forms. By the way, some of the boys from the Farm Theft Detail have just been here. They'll soon be over to see you with three men charged with stealing chickens. So you've got a case right away!"

"When can you come over, Leo?"

"I'll be over in about a half an hour."

Friis went to the Purchasing Agent, procured a selection of justice court forms and drove over to Orange in the Hupmobile assigned to the District Attorney's office. When he arrived he found the judge sitting at the bench. In front of him sat two deputy sheriffs in charge of three prisoners.

Judge Swayze had regained his composure.

"Here are some forms for you, Judge," said the deputy.

"Thank you, Leo, I'll be needing them. We have a case here for arraignment. These three young men are charged with petty theft. Shall we proceed with the case?"

"I'm ready, your honor," replied the attorney.

Judge Swayze made no effort to read the complaint nor inform the defendants of their rights. After all, he was acquainted with superior court practice where a clerk read the accusation. But the judge had no clerk. After a brief pause he handed the complaint to Friis. Without hesitation the deputy read the paper to the accused, informed them of their legal rights and asked them if they were ready to plead. All answered in the affirmative.

Thereupon the judge took over the reins. To each defendant he asked the question, "Are you guilty or not guilty?"

All entered pleas of guilt.

"Are you ready to have judgment pronounced upon you," intoned the justice.

"Yes," they replied in unison.

Apparently Judge Swayze recalled that Judge Allen was accustomed to make a little speech or give a short lecture upon sentencing a man. He would do likewise. But in his excitement his observations were pointless.

To the prisoner closest to him he declared, "I have known your parents for many years. They are very fine people. I hereby sentence you to six months in the County Jail."

To the second he observed, "I have known your parents for many years. They are very fine people. I hereby sentence you to six months in the County Jail."

To the third culprit he said, "I do not know your parents, but undoubtedly they are very fine people. I hereby sentence you to six months in the County Jail!"

After signing the commitments Judge Swayze ushered the attorney into his chambers.

"Look at the mess," he grunted, "what shall we do next?"

Friis looked at the disordered pile of papers, and said, "Sorry, Judge, I'll have to leave. I've got a case in Fullerton."

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

The nation's first mass inoculation of school children with Salk anti-polio vaccine began in San Diego County on last April seventh.

A CALIFORNIA FIRST

The first eucalyptus trees on the Pacific Coast came from seeds sent from Australia in 1863 to a California horticulturist by William Taylor, early pioneer preacher.

California Place Names



HAYWARD

Hayward in Alameda County was named for William Hayward who came from Massachusetts in 1851 and inadvertently settled on a portion of San Lorenzo Rancho, believing it to be public land. The Rancho was owned by Guillermo Castro. However Castro and Hayward became friends and when the town was laid out in 1854, Castro named it for the American. Castro's adobe home originally occupied the site where the Hayward city hall now stands.

PETALUMA

This city in Sonoma County contains the Coast Miwok Indian words *peta* meaning "flat" and *luma* meaning "back." It was applied to a village site on a low hill. On the Coast Survey chart of 1850, the name appears *Petaloma*. Since the Spanish word for hill is *loma*, *luma* may be an Indian adaptation of the same. The Miwok word *luma*, however, may also be translated "place." The written name first appears in the diary of Father Marciano Payiras in 1818. He described the locality as *Llano de los Petalumas* (Plains of the Petalumas).

On June 21, 1834, the name was applied to the land granted to Marciano G. Vallejo. In 1850 part of the rancho was preempted by G. W. Keller who laid out the city, the Indian name being kept. The post office was established on February 9, 1852. Petaluma is often referred to as the "egg basket of the world" since it is now a large poultry production center.



GARBERVILLE

The name of this city honors Jacob C. Garber, a Virginian who came to California in 1845. He did a bit of mining in 1849 at Trinity River diggings. After the excitement declined he settled at the place that bears his name, engaged in farming and operated a general store.

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ALMADEN

Mineral rights to this famous quicksilver deposit were granted to Andrés Castillero on December 30, 1845. The mine was then known as the Santa Clara or Chaboya's mine. In 1848 the name was changed to New Almaden, which describes the California counterpart of the famous quicksilver district in Almaden, Spain. The Spanish word *Almadén* means mine or mineral.

William H. Brewer, of the California State Geological Survey in 1861 deemed the New Almaden region the richest quicksilver district in the world. The townsite dropped the word "New" and is now officially known as Almaden.



ONION VALLEY

About twenty-seven native species of the onion family are found in California in the hilly and mountainous sections. Various localities have borne the names of *Onion*, *Leek* and *Garlic*.

In July, 1850, a highly productive mining region was found in Plumas County near Downieville. Wild onions grew in mass here so the original prospectors called the place *Onion Valley*. By 1851 the population of miners numbered 1500. On New Year's Day, 1851, a strike of \$6,000 in gold was taken from the diggings in a little more than an hour's time. One large nugget was said to be valued at \$1,800.

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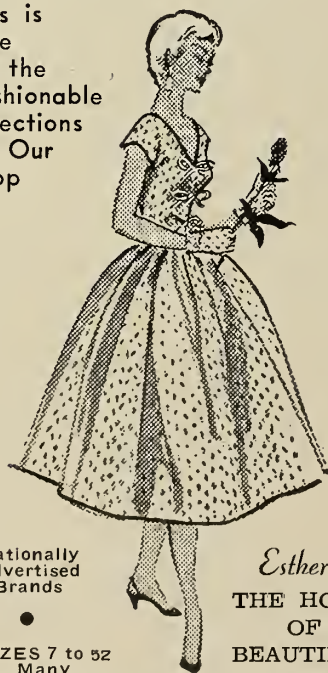
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TRAVEL IN 1888

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He said, "The west-bound tourist should supply himself with lunch enough for four days. He should have an abundance of canned fruit, jellies, boneless chicken, meat, butter, and condensed milk. He should have a spirit-lamp and be prepared to make his own tea or coffee; he should carry eggs, salt and pepper. Take all of these things, and try to get along without eating any of them. There are excellent eating-stations along all the various routes, but trains are apt to be behind time, and frequently the traveler who has not provided for himself must wait until eleven or twelve o'clock for breakfast or till midnight for his dinner."

As an afterthought he added, "A bottle of paregoric, a bottle of aromatic spirits of ammonia, and a flask of good whiskey, are all excellent things to carry in the satchel. If you do not need them, some fellow-traveler will."

FIRST ORANGE SHIPMENT

The first carload of oranges shipped to the East was sent to St. Louis in 1877 by William Wolfskill. He grew them in Los Angeles on his grove situated between Third and Fourth Streets and east of Alameda Street.

SUGAR BEETS

Sugar beets were first grown in California by General Mariano G. Vallejo upon his Petaluma rancho. The seed was brought from Mexico.

A clock that stands still is better than one that goes wrong.

FIRST BISHOP

The first bishop to arrive in California was Francisco Garcia Diego y Moreno, who came to San Diego from Mexico on December 11, 1841. He established the seat of his bishopric at Mission Santa Barbara.

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BIRTHDAYS

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JOHN MARSH—California's first "doctor"; studied to be a physician; stopped to go west for adventure; reached pueblo of Los Angeles, February 1836; in lieu of any doctor there, announced himself as a physician; accumulated cattle, horses etc. as fees; through José Noriega, obtained ranch in San Joaquin Valley; to further his own interests worked for annexation of California as a state; instrumental in bringing about organization of Bidwell-Bartleson party in 1841 which inaugurated overland immigration to California; became known as the "wealthiest cattle baron in California"; adroit in business, feared by bandits, intolerant and penurious, hated by settlers; finally murdered by three of his neighbors near present site of Martinez; born in South Danvers, Massachusetts, June 5, 1799.

AMBROSE GWINETT BIERCE—Famous American Satirist; outstanding writer of prose; soldier in Union Army during Civil War; came to San Francisco in 1866; contributed to the *Californian* and the *News Letter*; went to England on honeymoon trip; remained in London six years; wrote for London *Fun*; published *Cobwebs from an Empty Skull*, a collection of humorous verse under the pen name Dod Grile; on return to San Francisco wrote for the *Argonaut*, the *Wasp* and later for the *Examiner*; contributed to the *Cosmopolitan* in form of critical writings; "He had three sneers for everybody and three cheers for nobody"; in 1912 completed compiling and revising his writings "*The Collected Works*" in twelve volumes; his name will live in literature for his almost faultless diction, the purity of his written English, his artistry in short story, journalism and satire; born in log cabin, Meigs County, Ohio, June 24, 1842.



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Clarence C. Ward, 59, President Pro Tempore of the California Senate, passed away at the Mercy Hospital at Sacramento last May ninth. About two weeks before he had collapsed from a heart attack while walking near the Capitol.

A resident of Santa Barbara, Ward had served in the Senate since his first election in 1940. He succeeded Harold J. Powers as President Pro Tempore in 1953 when Powers became Lieutenant Governor.

Ward was born in Tennessee and came to California at the age of seventeen. He was a graduate of Santa Maria High School and of the University of Southern California. A successful lawyer, he served as District Attorney of Santa Barbara County from 1923 to 1931.

During World War I Ward was a flyer in the 337th Aerial Squadron. In addition to his other interests he owned a 2,000 acre ranch in San Luis Obispo County.

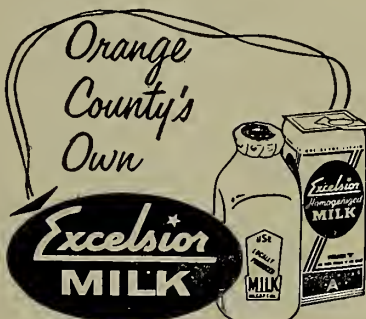
As President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Ward was third man in line of succession to the Governorship. As chairman of the powerful Rules Committee he was an influential member of the Senate. In seniority he ranked sixth in the upper house.

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dead;

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In the oak-tree's might, and it shat-
ters the cells

As the soul when the life has fled.

—Charles Warren Stoddard

(This poem appeared in "Poetry of
the Pacific", edited by May Went-
worth and published in San Fran-
cisco in 1867.)

HILTON

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also dissolved. His first wife was at
his bedside when he passed away.

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had originally prepared himself for
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ever, he decided that he was more
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MEMOIRS

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there were any stones present or not.

Criticism

I was very much disappointed in the result, and when the patient returned home I doubted if I would be called again to attend her. In the meantime the community was very critical of me for having incurred such an expense for this family and the risks of surgery and to no avail.

One of the local medical fraternity suggested to his friends that there never were any symptoms of gall-stones in this patient but that it was a clear case of neuralgia of the stomach, and she should never have been operated upon. The statement of the Los Angeles surgeon that he could not reach the gall bladder because of the many dense adhesions was, in the conclusion of this doctor, calculated to protect me.

A few friends defended me but the community was very sure I had blundered. In small towns everyone knows considerable about other folks' business, and usually has no hesitancy in expressing opinions. In a few days my patient sent me word to come and see her. She was very disappointed and so was I. She

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Autopsy

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wished me to perform an autopsy at his home the following day at ten o'clock in the morning. He said that Mr. Joseph Backs, the undertaker, would have everything ready for me. I agreed to do as he requested.

When I reached the home next day quite a crowd of neighbors had assembled. I noticed a lot of horse and buggy conveyances distributed for some distance along the road. The front yard was well filled and the front porch had standing room only for another quota of interested friends. On entering the living room I found every chair taken and the dining table upon which the autopsy was to be performed was covered with white sheets completely hiding from view the remains of the dear lady who was so confident of my diagnosis all the time, and had said that while she could not benefit from an autopsy it might help someone else. It did.

I motioned to the doctor who was present to come to the side of the table. I made the necessary incision and, breaking the adhesions, delivered the gall bladder in full view of everyone. I had been under very great tension, knowing the implications involved in the outcome of this procedure, but when, in searching for the gall bladder I could feel a hard mass, the tension left me, and now I could be calm. I opened the gall bladder and out rolled a big black stone the size of a large walnut.

One of the onlookers rose to the occasion, procured a china saucer and asked if he could show it to the people outside. He did a good job

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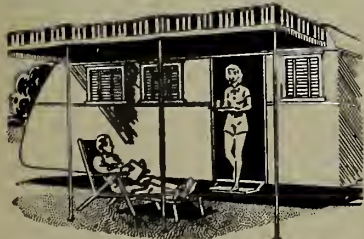
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There had been no quarrel between me and the doctor who had spoken so disparagingly of my diagnosis and the needlessness of the surgical operation. He was badly hurt because of his unnecessary criticism of what was done. He should not have inflamed the community against me. Neither he nor I had ever spoken an unkind word to each other at any time. It proved to be a grand object lesson for me and I never forgot it. My practice grew very rapidly. I never discussed the case in any way until long after the doctor had moved away.

In no profession should any man expect to succeed by attempting to injure his competitor, but rather he should endeavor to do better work, if possible, and let his work speak for itself, which it will always do in time. He should always endeavor to think of his chosen profession as a

fraternity rather than a rivalry or competition. By so doing he will be a better member of the profession and will be more highly respected by all. I had learned a great lesson.

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MERRIAM

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sales tax was inaugurated to assist the schools during the time of economic stress.

The Governor vigorously opposed Federal attempts in 1938 to seize control of the tideland oil deposits.

A movement was started in 1935 to run Merriam for President. However, in March, 1936, he announced his withdrawal as a candidate in favor of Alfred M. Landon of Kansas.

In 1938 the Governor was defeated for reelection by Culbert L. Olson. Thereupon he retired from public life.

Interests

Governor Merriam had many interests besides politics. He was particularly active in youth work and organized many Boy Scout troops.

He was a devoted Bible student and for many years led a men's Bible class at the First Presbyterian Church at Long Beach. It is recalled that on the day following his succession to office, upon the death of Governor Rolph, that he came back to Long Beach to conduct his class.

Family

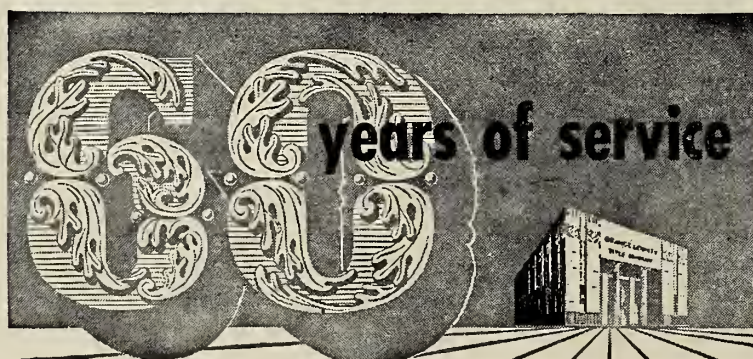
In 1903 he married Nellie Bronson-Day in Des Moines. She passed away in 1931. Thereafter, in 1936, he was united in marriage with Jessie Stuart Lipsey who died twelve years later. His only son, Howard, predeceased him.

The "Governor," as he was usually called, was seriously injured in an automobile accident on May 10, 1953, in Santa Ana, and for some time his life was despaired of. However, his rugged constitution gave him a temporary victory.

Death

He passed away at his home at 20 Lindero Avenue, Long Beach, last April twenty-fifth.

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at the First Presbyterian Church whose pastor, the Rev. Dr. Reuben F. Pieters, officiated, assisted by the Rev. Frank McKean who had been a friend of the Governor since 1885. In recalling the days when Merriam published the Hopkinton Leader, McKean declared, "He was a skilled gladiator in the open arena of politics, a good, kindly, decent man of the strictest integrity. He could call more men by their first name when he was a young politician than any other man in Iowa."

Governor Goodwin J. Knight was present at the funeral and delivered a eulogy in which he said, "Frank Merriam's destiny was to be the 28th governor of California at the time of the critical depression. When he was governor, he did the work of two men. He faced the problems with courage and good judgment, with clear head and clean heart and we loved him because we felt secure and safe and good with such a governor."

Governor Merriam was placed to rest at Sunnyside Mausoleum in Long Beach.

JUMPING FROG

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"What might it be that you've got in the box?"

"And Smiley says, sorter indifferent-like, 'It might be a parrot, or it might be a canary, maybe, but it ain't—it's only just a frog.'

"And the feller took it, and looked at it careful, and turned it round this way and that, and says, 'H'm—so 'tis. Well, what's he good for?'

"Well, Smiley says, easy and careless, 'he's good enough for one thing, I should judge—he can out-jump any frog in Calaveras County.'

"The feller took the box again, and took another long, particular look, and give it back to Smiley, and says, very deliberate, 'Well, he says, 'I don't see no p'int about that frog that's any better'n any other frog.'

"Maybe you don't, Smiley says. 'Maybe you understand frogs and maybe you don't understand 'em; maybe you've had experience, and maybe you ain't only a amature, as it were. Anyways, I've got my opin-

ion, and I'll resk forty dollars that he can outjump any frog in Calaveras County.'

"And the feller studied a minute, and then says, kinder sad-like, 'Well, I'm only a stranger here, and I ain't got no frog; but if I had a frog, I'd bet you.'

"And then Smiley says, 'That's all right—that's all right—if you'll hold my box a minute, I'll go and get you a frog.' And so the feller took the box, and put up his forty dollars along with Smiley's, and set down to wait.

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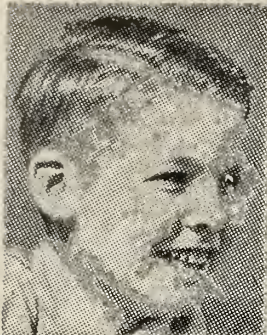


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"So he set there a good while thinking to himself, and then he got the frog out and prized his mouth open and took a teaspoon and filled him full of quail shot—filled him pretty near up to his chin—and set him on the floor. Smiley went to the swamp and slopped around in the mud for a long time, and finally he ketched a frog, and fetched him in, and give him to this feller, and says:

"'Now, if you're ready, set him alongside of Dan'l, with his fore-paws just even with Dan'ls, and I'll give you the word.' Then he says, 'One—two—three—git! and him and the feller touched up the frogs from behind, and the new frog hopped off lively, but Dan'l give a heave, and histed up his shoulders—so—like a Frenchman, but it warn't no use—he couldn't budge; he was planted as solid as a church, and he couldn't no more stir than if he was anchored out. Smiley was a good deal surprised, and he was disgusted too, but he didn't have no idea what the matter was, of course.

"The feller took the money and started away; and when he was going out the door, he sorter jerked his thumb over his shoulder—so—at Dan'l, and says again, very deliberate, 'Well,' he says, 'I don't see no p'int about that frog that's any better'n any other frog.'

"Smiley he stood scratching his head and looking down at Dan'l a long time, and at last he says, 'I do wonder what in the nation that frog

throw'd off for—I wonder if there ain't something the matter with him—he 'pears to look mighty baggy, somehow.' And he ketched Dan'l by the nap of the neck, and hefted him, and says, 'Why blame my cats if he don't weigh five pound!' and turned him upside down and he belched out a double handful of shot. And then he see how it was, and he was the maddest man—he set the frog down and took out after the feller, but he never ketched him.' "

Greek Tale

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district and "dressed it up" in his characteristic style.

However, it is not an original story for it was first told in ancient Greece more than two thousand years ago! In the Nineteenth Century an English translation of the tale appeared in Sidgwick's **Greek Prose Composition** under the title of "The Athenian and the Frog." The translation is very short and is quoted in full so that it can be compared with Twain's narrative:

"An Athenian once fell in with a Boeotian who was sitting by the roadside looking at a frog. Seeing the other approach, the Boeotian said his was a remarkable frog, and asked if he would agree to start a contest of frogs, on condition that he whose frog jumped farthest should receive a large sum of money. The Athenian replied that he would if the other would fetch him a frog, for the lake was near.

"To this he agreed, and when he was gone the Athenian took the Boeotian's frog and, opening its mouth, poured some stones into its stomach, so that it did not seem larger than before but could not jump. The Boeotian soon returned with the other frog, and the contest began.

"The second frog first was pinched, and jumped moderately; then they pinched the Boeotian's frog. And he gathered himself for a leap, and used the utmost effort, but he could not move his body the least.

"So the Athenian departed with the money. When he was gone the Boeotian, wondering what was the matter with the frog, lifted him up and examined him. And being turned upside down, he opened his mouth and vomited out the stones."

Twain Questioned

Dr. Henry van Dyke, professor of English at Princeton University, once questioned Twain as to the source of his jumping frog plot. The latter stoutly maintained that he described an incident that actually took place at Angels Camp.

When confronted with the Sidgwick translation of "The Athenian and the Frog" he admitted there were points of resemblance between it and the "Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County." However, he steadfastly avowed that the duping of Jim Smiley by the wily stranger was absolutely true and was a good illustration of "history repeating itself."

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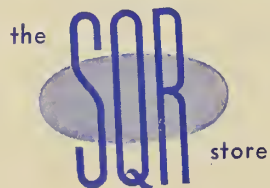
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IN THE MINES

Leave the sluice and "tom" untended,
Shadows darken on the river;

In the cañon day is ended,
Far above the red rays quiver;

Lay aside the bar and spade,
Let the pick-axe cease from

"drifting,"
See how much the claim has paid

Where the gold dust has been
sifting.

Tell no tales of wizard charm,
In the myths of ages olden,
When the sorcerer's potent arm
Turned all earthly things to
golden;—

Pick and spade are magic rods
In the brawny hands of miners;
Mightier than the ancient gods,
Laboring men are true diviners.

Gather round the blazing fire
In the deepening darkness gleam-
ing,

While the red tongues leaping
higher
Seem like banners upward stream-
ing;

Stretched around the fiery coals,
Lulled into luxurious dreaming,
Half-a-dozen hungry souls
Watch the iron kettle steaming.

Break the bread with ready hand,
Labor crowns it with a blessing—
Now the hungry crowd looks bland,
Each a smoking piece possessing;
Pass the ham along this way,
Quick! before the whole is taken;
Hang philosophy, we say,
If we only save our bacon!

Spread the blankets on the ground,
We must toil again to-morrow;
Labor brings us slumber sound
No luxurious couch can borrow;
Watch the stars drift up the sky,
Bending softly down above us,
Till in dreams our spirits fly
Homeward to the friends who love
us.

As the needle, frail and shivering,
On the ocean wastes afar,

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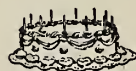
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JULY BIRTHDAYS OF FAMOUS CALIFORNIANS



"A Californian is one who was born in California; or else one who was reborn in California."—Ella Sterling Mighels.

JOHN SWETT—Father of California School System; began teaching at age of 17 for \$10 per month; arrived in San Francisco, January 31, 1853, after long voyage of 153 days; tried mining unsuccessfully; became teacher in Rincon Grammar School; rose in his profession and became State Superintendent of Schools of California; instrumental in organization of State Teachers' Institute, California Education Society; established **The California Teacher** as monthly publication; overhauled school law; later Superintendent of San Francisco Schools; authored several publications such as **A History of the Public Schools System of California**, **Methods of Teaching**, and **Public Education in California**; honored by degree of doctor of laws by University of California; on day of his funeral, August 25, 1913, schools throughout state closed out of respect for the man who had done so much for their promotion; born Pittsfield, New Hampshire, July 31, 1830.

JOHN DRAKE SLOAT—A Commodore who made history; raised flag over Monterey, July 7, 1846, symbolizing transfer of power from Mexico to United States; entered U.S. navy during War of 1812; gained promotions steadily until he was commissioned rear admiral in 1866; his heroic monument stands overlooking Monterey Bay; born Goshen, New York, July 26, 1871.

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GRIDLEY MONUMENT AT STOCKTON

REUEL C. GRIDLEY made a bet on the outcome of a city election—and lost. That of itself was not out of the ordinary. However, it was remarkable that such an event, taking place in a remote, western mining town during the Civil War, should assume nation-wide importance.

Silver had been discovered in central Nevada in 1862 and the big rush to the Reese River Valley commenced in January of the following year. One of the first men to arrive was David E. Buel who named the new mining camp **Austin** in honor of the capital of his native state of Texas. He had formerly been in charge of the Klamath Indian Reservation in California and bore the reputation of having been an honest Indian agent, a rarity in those days.

Gridley Arrives

Among the pioneer merchants who arrived in Austin was Reuel Colt Gridley who associated himself in the grocery business with three partners in a firm known as Gridley, Hobart & Jacobs.

Gridley had had an adventure-some past. Born in Hannibal, Missouri, on January 23, 1829, his life was always that of a pioneer.

In his youth he had known a troublesome small boy, six years his junior, called Sam Clemens. Years later Gridley recalled a boyhood experience when he was sitting peacefully at the edge of a pond fishing for bullheads. Several young rascals persisted in throwing sticks and stones into the water. Exasperated, the irate fisherman jumped up and tried to sieze his tormenters. He succeeded in capturing young Sam and throwing him into the pool. Sam grew up to become the well known writer, Mark Twain. Many years

later he and Gridley met at Carson City and Twain wrote a rather fanciful version of Gridley's election bet in his book, "Roughing It."

While still in his teens, Gridley joined the army and fought in the Mexican War. After cessation of hostilities he returned to Hannibal where he was married in 1850. Two years later he migrated to California, first settling in San Jose. From there he moved successively to Diamond Springs, Yreka and Oroville.

Following the discovery of silver in Nevada he went eastward and became one of the early settlers in the Reese River Valley. Austin's newspaper, the *Reveille*, announced that on July 29, 1863, Gridley had founded a Sunday School in the new camp.

Election Campaign

At the beginning of 1864 the citizens of Austin decided that their town was large enough to be incorporated and an election was called for April nineteenth. Candidates for city office were nominated on a strictly national party basis. David E. Buel, erstwhile Indian agent, was Democratic candidate for mayor. A contemporary made the statement that "Uncle Dave" was a man of imposing presence, six feet four, and large in proportion, without a fault save that of being always on the wrong side, and with a frank, generous, offhand way about him that was wondrously attractive to the honest miners." Buel's opponent was Charles Holbrook, an excellent young businessman who was one of the leading merchants of Austin. He was strongly a pro-Union man.

No doubt both candidates were well qualified to handle the office of mayor. The election campaign was carried on vigorously with old fashioned oratory, torchlight processions, and all the trappings of mid-nineteenth century political maneuvering.

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*The
"Sanitary Sack of Flour"
Man*

HE LOST A BET—and WON!

ROTARY

California's First Service Club

IN THOSE DAYS, ROTARY EXISTED
ONLY FOR BUSINESS-GETTING PURPOSES

THE San Francisco Rotary Club is not only the first service club in California, but it is also the second such organization in the entire United States. To recall the lusty days of Rotary's youth is a bit like rattling the bones of a skeleton in some musty closet.

It is not that any club member will be particularly embarrassed by examining the early history of the movement. He will just be astounded to learn that the aims of Rotary were considerably different a half century ago from what they are today. In those early years men became Rotarians for the avowed purpose of increasing their business. That was the chief aim of the club!

Although the back-scratching, mutual boosting era of Rotary disappeared many years ago, it was an interesting step in the development of a great organization to its present high level of business, civic and social ideals.

Beginnings

It was in Chicago, on February 23, 1905, that Rotary had its inception. Four men met in Hiram Shorey's tailorshop. Present besides Shorey were Paul Harris, an attorney; Silvester Schiele, a coal dealer; and Gustavus Loehr, a mining engineer.

Harris, who had conceived the idea, proposed a club with one member from each business and profession. He suggested that the members meet at each other's offices and stores in order to become better ac-

quainted with the various vocations. This entailed the members having their meal beforehand. Someone conceived the happy idea of having dinner meetings. As the membership grew this plan became more convenient. Today, most Rotary Clubs meet at noon. A few find it more feasible to gather at the dinner hour.

In the months that followed the organization of the Chicago club, Paul Harris struggled to convince his fellow members that similar groups should be formed in other cities. However, three years elapsed before another club was established.

San Francisco

Early in 1908, Manuel Muñoz, a member of the Chicago club, came to San Francisco on business for his firm. One evening, as he sat in the lobby of the Hotel Cadillac, he struck up a conversation with Homer Wood, a young lawyer. In the course of their visit Muñoz chanced to mention the Rotary Club.

He explained its organization and its virtue in promoting business. Wood was a "joiner" and he became instantly interested. At Muñoz's suggestion he wrote to Harris for information. Harris obliged by sending him a copy of the Chicago club's by-laws, some bulletins, and his offer of assistance to form a new club.

Wood interested several of his friends and after a number of preliminary meetings the organizers decided that the time had arrived to form a club. On November 12, 1908, a formal banquet meeting was held at the Hotel St. Francis and the second Rotary Club of the world was organized. Wood was unanimously elected president.

By-laws were adopted which set forth the objects of the club to be:

"First: The promotion of the business interests of its members.

"Second: The promotion of good fellowship and desiderata ordinarily incident to social clubs.

"Third: The advancement of the best interests of San Francisco, and the spreading of civic pride and loyalty among its citizens."

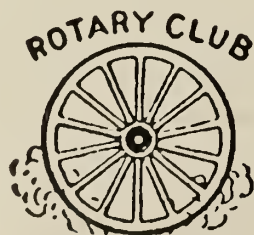
The first meeting ended with President Wood giving a short address in which he expressed the hope that the new club would be primarily a booster organization for the best interests of San Francisco. To him the matter of financial gain was incidental to a more important purpose.

Without doubt, Wood's philosophy was similar to that of Paul Harris. Both recognized that the new venture made its first appeal to the selfish instincts of the members. Both lived to see Rotary shed its mercenary robes and clothe itself in garments of the loftiest ideals.

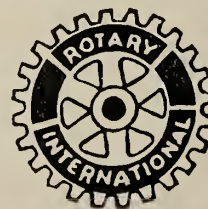
The Back-Scratching Era

Illustrative of the business getting aspects of the early days was the weekly roll call at the San Francisco club. As his name was called the member would rise, announce his classification and answer "present" by giving some slogan descriptive of his business or profession. Thus Attorney Harry McKannay would respond, "Pockets cleaned and suits pressed." Undertaker John Henderson would announce, "The end of the trail." Corset manufacturer Louie LeFevre answered, "Chicken coops"; elevator builder Jack Stolz, "good to the last drop"; candy maker Eddie

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EARLY EMBLEM



PRESENT EMBLEM

Pioneer Oil Refinery



CALIFORNIA HERALD PHOTO

Above is a picture of the preserved portion of an oil refinery which was established at Newhall in 1878. In that year the Star Oil Works Company moved two stills to this location from Lyons Station, about 4500 feet distant, where it had built California's first oil refinery two years before.

The Newhall refinery was augmented by two larger stills which were brought from Titusville, Pennsylvania, where E. L. Drake drilled the first oil well in the United States in 1859.

In the early days the chief petroleum products were benzine and kerosene. Crude oil was hauled to the refinery from wells in Pico Cañon, about six miles away.

According to Paul W. Prutzman, "The operations of Pico Cañon were among the earliest successful attempts to produce oil in California. As early as 1850 Andrés Pico had been collecting seepage oil, which he distilled with a copper still and worm, making burning oil for the

San Fernando Mission, and in later years oil so collected was shipped by wagon to the Polhemus refinery at Los Angeles, and even to the Metropolitan Gas Works at San Francisco. It is recorded that on January 28, 1867, twelve barrels of oil were shipped from Pico Cañon, and in 1874 the output is said to have been as high as ten barrels per day, this been entirely seepage oil."

An attempt was made in 1869 to drill a well in Pico Cañon by the old spring-pole method. However, the hole was spoiled at a depth of 140 feet.

The first successful oil well in the cañon was drilled in 1875, operations being commenced by C. C. Mentry and completed by the California Star Oil Works Company.

W. S. W. Kew says, "The first three wells drilled in Pico Cañon were poor, but the fourth yielded 150 barrels of 32-degree gravity oil per day, settling to 30 barrels." The California Star Oil Works Company was acquired by the Pacific Coast

Oil Company in 1879, which in turn became the nucleus of the Standard Oil Company of California.

Andrés Pico, after whom Pico Cañon is named, was born in San Diego in 1810. He was the brother of Pio Pico, last Mexican governor of California.

During the Mexican War Andrés Pico played a prominent part in military operations in Southern California. At the battle of San Pascual, in San Diego County, he commanded the Californians against General Kearny. Despite Kearny's claims of "holding the field" he was definitely bested by Pico. At Cahuenga Pass, the California commander was compelled to surrender his forces to John C. Fremont, an act which ended hostilities in the state.

Pico was elected to the Second and third Sessions of the State Assembly as a Whig and to the Ninth and Tenth as a Democrat. He was a presidential elector in 1852 and was appointed brigadier-general of the mil-

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CALIFORNIA HERALD PHOTO

The H. A. Johnston home built in 1907 for \$4,000. It has been moved from its original location and is now situated at the corner of Claudina and Water Streets, Anaheim.

THE MEMOIRS OF HERBERT ALLAN JOHNSTON, M. D.

Part four

BY this time the X-ray had found its way into the medical field, and, on purchasing the necessary equipment, consisting of a static machine, tubes and tube holders, the only available space I could use was a corner of my reception room. The machine was very large, about seven feet high, and contained twelve large glass discs, six of which were stationary, and six revolved. The revolutions were produced by the turning of a crank by hand and I employed a boy named Harry Martinez to act as my motor.

Our first patient was a young woman who fractured her forearm while roller skating. I placed a key on the photographic plate for the purpose of identification as metal figures had not been in use up to this

time. The value of the x-ray was evident from the very beginning, and, as time passed by, many improvements and refinements were developed, so much so, that the early glass disc machines were soon outmoded, being replaced by much more powerful machines.

The fact that the X-ray must be carefully used was not realized at once, and only after several patients had received skin burns, which were reported from different parts of the country, were restrictions placed upon the length of time patients should be exposed to it. These precautions referred also to filtration of the ray through screens, but were followed chiefly during treatments. Today there is scarcely any danger of incurring any damage from the

ray because of the screening and the fact that the work is being done under the supervision of competent, highly trained roentgenologists. All parts of the human body are more or less visible in shadow as outlined on the sensitive film, and the interpretation of the film is a real study. In certain areas of the body visibility is increased by the injection of shadow producing fluids into internal organs by which their outlines may be seen or filmed. In this way many obscure diseases may be diagnosed.

Diphtheria

Diphtheria had been a terrible scourge and many a child had died previous to the time of the discovery of the serum. Parents were in great fear, even terror, lest their child might become a victim of the dread disease, but the serum was gradually, I might say rapidly, transforming fear into confidence in its certain protection of the child. I can clearly remember as a small boy, the fear my mother had when two little girls, living next door, fell victims to the much dreaded disease. She darkened all the windows of our home, kept all doors securely closed and made us children stay indoors for about two weeks. Many other mothers used the same methods for protection of their children. We are probably undergoing similar experiences today through the ravages of Polio. We are very thankful for the Salk serum and hope that it may be as successful in limiting, or curing, the disease. How fortunate that we have men who spend their whole lives in the laboratories, in the endeavor to find the means of curing, and, perhaps, eradicating contagious disease.

The New Home

It was becoming quite evident that I needed a larger house and office. Anne and I discussed the problem from all angles and decided that my practice required better equipment and, since we had in the meantime purchased two vacant residence lots adjoining our cottage, we had plans made for a new home.

The cost of building a two story frame house with basement, furnace, large living room with fireplace, kitchen, pantry and porches downstairs, and four bedrooms, bath and glassed-in porch upstairs was, in the early part of this century, about four thousand dollars, with a few extras, being about one-sixth of the cost of a

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It's peachy, the boys said. It's a real castle.

I'm Robin Hood, one said.

I'm Washington, the next one said.

I'm just Red, Red said.

And who am I John said.

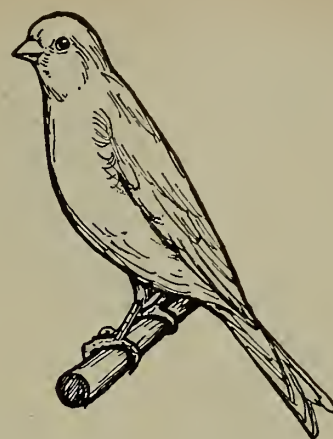
You're God, they all agreed.

And when Uncle Dan saw it he pulled at his beard and closed one eye and wrinkled up his nose and he said he wondered how Father came to do it.

So did everybody.

Except Mother.

She knew.



ONE day when John was twelve he looked out the back window of Father's music store and saw a few organ boxes stacked against the fence and he was lonesome and wanted a place to be away from his father's eyes and he thought about something and that day after school when he saw Butch and Red and Skinny he told them.

Let's build a castle, he said.

But where and how and out of what, they said and they looked at him as if he were the cake at a party.

Then John told about the empty boxes. And that night John asked his father about it.

Aren't you satisfied with your home, Father said.

But this will be a castle, John said.

Yes this will be a castle Walt, Mother said. There was pleading in her voice.

But Father just said, No.

It was like a blow.

Later Mother whispered to John, Be patient Little Lamb. I'll talk to him tonight.

And sure enough a week later Father and Cy Perkins and the horse Joseph brought home the boxes.

John clapped his hands.

Butch and Red and Skinny turned somersaults on the green grass.

We're going to have a castle, they said.

And Cy Perkins hammered away.

The boys helped. They handed Cy the boards and the nails. They kept the pail of drinking water full and cold.

You're the best carpenter in the world, they said.

Cy grinned and sweated and kept on hammering.

In ten days the castle was finished.

Butch brought an old chair. Red brought a faded rug and Skinny built a table out of a soap box. And Mother made curtains for the window.



*To John, having a Castle
was like holding the
whole world in his hands
But Father held John
in the palm of his hand;
and Father said, No!*

the
sparrow

and
canary

by
louis danz

Part VI

Walt wants to watch over John's play, she told Uncle Dan.

And everything was fine and would have stayed the way it started but Father bought a lock for the door and it was made of iron. Like the lock on a corncrib. Or on an outside cellar door.

He opened it only after school.

They can't play truant on me, he said.

And on Sundays the little castle was closed so tight that even the flies couldn't get out.

The key was always in Father's pocket.

And almost always when the boys were playing inside their little castle Father would come and look around. Yes he wanted to know what they were playing and what they were saying and who was there and what did they read.

And soon the boys said, It's more like a jail than a castle.

And they did not like it.

No they did not.

Then one day Father walked in and surprised John reading a book and it didn't have a cloth cover.

So Father took the book from John and looked at it.

What's this, he said in a harsh voice.

And he looked at it again and he saw it was about Old King Brady the great detective.

Well Father didn't say another word. He crushed the book with his hand and turned and walked away.

And took the book with him.

What will he do, the boys asked John.

I don't know I don't know, John said. His voice shook. Tears tried to come out of his eyes but he wouldn't let them.

That evening at supper Father was quiet. Mother brought things from the kitchen on her tiptoes.

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AT THE BAR



BACK in Elizabethan England a man could be executed for stealing property of the value of five shillings. That was indeed a severe law, but before Californians judge too harshly the standards of four centuries ago they should examine the early statutes of their own state.

In 1851 the California Legislature enacted a law prescribing the death penalty for robbery and grand larceny if the trial jury should so recommend. In the same year, under this law, three men were hanged in Sacramento for highway robbery.

In 1852 another trio of thieves were charged with stealing cattle in San Joaquin County. They were regularly tried, and upon recommendation of the jury that found them guilty, they were executed by the well known pioneer sheriff, Colonel R. P. Ashe.

This drastic law was first aired before the California Supreme Court in a case involving George Tanner. Tanner was charged by the grand jury of Yuba County of having stolen fifteen hundred pounds of flour, six sacks of potatoes, five kegs of syrup, two and one-half barrels of meal, one keg of powder and one-half barrel of mackerel, all of the value of four hundred dollars.

Justice moved fast in those days. Tanner was charged with committing the crime on April 3, 1852. He came to trial before the Court of Sessions eleven days later.

While empanelling the jury, the district attorney asked a prospective member of the panel whether he had any conscientious scruples against the infliction of capital punishment, to which he answered, "I would hang a man found guilty of murder, but would not hang a man for stealing."

Upon motion of the prosecutor the trial judge excused the talesman on the grounds that he was biased. To this defendant's counsel objected. At the conclusion of the case the jury found Tanner "Guilty of Grand Larceny, punishable with Death." Accordingly the judge ordered the defendant to be hanged on the twenty-eighth day of the following May.

An appeal to the state Supreme Court followed. Whether Tanner's lawyer argued that the law was invalid will never be known. The records of the arguments before the Court are lost. However, from the opinion rendered by Chief Justice Hugh C. Murray, it would seem that no one questioned the statute.

However, Murray was evidently shocked by the judgment. He declared, "It is not our purpose to discuss the policy of this law, although we regret that our legislature has considered it necessary to thus retrograde, and in the face of the wisdom and experience of the present day, resort to a punishment, for less crimes than murder, which is alike disgusting and abhorrent to the common sense of every enlightened people."

The only point of law considered by the high court was whether the trial judge had erred in excusing the man from serving on the jury who had voiced his objection to hanging as a punishment for theft. Justice Murray declared there was no error in this regard and the judgment was affirmed. Tanner gained a short delay by a motion for a rehearing, but was executed on July 23, 1852, less than four months from the day he committed the crime.

There is no available record of how many persons were executed under this drastic law which remained upon the statute books for five years, it being changed on April 19, 1856.

Despite the gloomy view which Justice Murray took of the law, many others felt it was necessary at the time. A well known editor once wrote: "No doubt at this distance the infliction of capital punishment for felonies other than murder must seem to have been draconian to an extent almost inconceivable. But at the time there could hardly be said to be organized society in California. The sternest measures were necessary to keep the vicious in subjection. The condition of things was as primitive

as when the death penalty was prescribed in England for robbery. But when society in California became strong enough to deal with criminals of all grades and had jails to keep them in, our code became more mild—perhaps in some cases now, too mild."

Today there are six crimes in California punishable by death: (1) murder in the first degree; (2) kidnapping for robbery, ransom, reward or extortion, with injury to the victim; (3) perjury or subornation of perjury resulting in the death by execution of an innocent person; (4) assault by deadly weapon or by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury by a person undergoing life sentence in a state prison; (5) train wrecking with bodily injury or death; and (6) treason against the State.

Six states now have no death penalty. They are Michigan (which led the way in 1847), Maine, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota. Capital punishment was once abolished and then restored in Kansas, Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado, Washington, Missouri, Arizona, Tennessee and Oregon.

Each session of the California Legislature sees one or more bills introduced to abolish or in some way curtail the death penalty. The case of Caryl Chessman, the kidnaper, has brought capital punishment into recent discussion. Through various maneuverings he has escaped execution for six years. Attorney General Edmund G. "Pat" Brown has become so irked that he has half in earnest suggested repealing the death penalty. "Why," says he, "should others be executed while Chessman faces the relatively pleasant prospect of eventually dying from the infirmities of old age?"

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In 1826 Beechey transferred the name—as *Alcatrazes Island*—to the rock which is now the site of the Federal penitentiary. This plural form appeared on most maps until 1851 when the Coast Survey

changed it to the present version—*Alcatraz*.

MONROVIA

The name is the same as Monrovia in Liberia named for President Monroe, but *Monrovia* in California was not named for a president but in honor of a pioneer railroad construction engineer, Newton Monroe, who purchased a portion of the Santa Anita Rancho from E. J. "Lucky" Baldwin in 1884. Monroe was born at Lexington, Indiana, in 1841, and died in Monrovia on December 26, 1935, at the age of 94 years.

On May 16, 1886, Monroe, with his associates, J. D. Bicknell, James F. Crank and E. F. Spence, laid out the townsite of *Monrovia*. The following poem about the new city appeared in "California of the South," a book published in 1888:

"Monrovia sits like a beautiful queen,
With scepter of flowers in a kingdom of green;
Her orange groves bring her their tribute of gold,
While gardens and vineyards rich treasures unfold.

"Her sweet, balmy breath gives the feeble new life,
Her bright, sunny smile woos them on to new strife;
She charms and refreshes with pure, gushing fountains,

That come with their coolness from snowy-capped mountains."

FORT ORD

Fort Ord which is located in Monterey County, was named for General Edward O. C. Ord who came to California in 1847 as a lieutenant with the 3rd U.S. Field Artillery. He was commissioned to make the official survey of the City of Los Angeles. Ord served with distinction in the Civil War. In 1868 he became commander of the Department of the Pacific. The original Ord ranch was owned by E. O. C. Ord and two of his brothers. Ord Mountains in San Bernardino County also bear his name.

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M. Louis Wooley, San Francisco Rotary's third president, was a soap manufacturer. To demonstrate the purity of his product he would bite off pieces of soap, chew and swallow them. His response to the roll call was "Crystal White, the billion bubble soap."

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President Homer Wood struggled diplomatically to soft pedal the commercial aspect of club membership in favor of a broader, civic view. He was reelected to head the club, but not without opposition. An opposing group organized a slate called "The Other Ticket" which campaigned on an eight point program, demanding, among other things: "To secure the services of the right man mentally large enough for a position of extreme importance, to be known as the 'Business Getter' or 'Traffic Manager.' If the right man is se-

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Repercussions

Ultimately the "cash register concept" of Rotary commenced to backfire. Non-members decided to quit trading with Rotarians as they could not expect any business from a group who had pledged themselves to trade only among themselves. A danger signal appeared in the summer of 1912 when a set of instructions were circulated among the members on "How to Meet All Boycotts."

In the meantime a healthy leaven was working to change the ideals of Rotary. At the Portland International Convention of 1911 a platform was adopted ending with the ringing words, "He profits most who serves the best." In the following year, at Duluth, Rotary's great motto, "Service Above Self," was instituted.

As Rotary attained maturity, it outgrew its early selfish concepts.

First Clubs

The establishment of the San Francisco Club marked the beginning of Rotary as an international organization. It is interesting to note that three of the first five Rotary Clubs were founded in California. The Number Three club was organized in Oakland in February, 1909. The Los Angeles and Seattle clubs were founded in the following June.

Homer Wood

Homer Wood, the first president of the San Francisco club, is a fine example of Rotary in its best tradition. Born in Oroville, California, in 1880, the son of a newspaper publisher, he obtained his early education at Visalia. After attending the University of California and Stanford University for a short time, he engaged in mining, working at both Angels Camp and at Bodie.

He had not attained his twenty-first birthday before he became publisher of the Bodie Miner. He then engaged in newspaper work at Sut-

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ter Creek. He was appointed clerk of the District Court of Appeal at Sacramento and was later admitted to practice law. Thereafter he came to San Francisco to carry on his profession.

His love for newspaper work never waned. He moved to Porterville where he became publisher of the *Evening Record*.

Other Service Clubs

Not the least important contribution of Rotary is the fact that it has served as the pattern for the establishment of other fine service clubs. The Exchange Clubs were organized in 1911, Sertoma in 1912, Gyro in 1912, Kiwanis in 1915, Lions and Civitan in 1917. The Loyal Knights of the Round Table were organized in Oakland in 1922 and 20-30 International was founded in Sacramento in 1923.

Although it is a general rule that women are not members of these service organizations, the ladies have done well for themselves. Altrusa International was organized in 1917, followed by other splendid clubs such as Pilot Club International, Zonta International, Soroptomist International and the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

Rotary International is now a great organization consisting of approximately 8,418 clubs and 400,000 members in 89 lands and regions.

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itia in 1858. Pico also served in the Eleventh and Twelfth Sessions of the State Senate.

While in the Legislature in 1859 he introduced a bill to create the Territory of Colorado out of the southern portion of the State of California. This measure was approved by resolution of the Assembly and popular vote of the area affected. It is reasonable to assume that a new state would ultimately have been formed, but the measure was shelved in Washington as the Civil War was about to commence.

Pico died in Los Angeles on February 14, 1876. Of him Bancroft said, "Andrés Pico was a brave, reckless, coarse-grained, jovial, kind-hearted, popular man; abler in several respects than his brother, Don Pio, but not over-burdened with principle."

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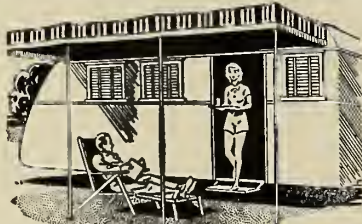
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W. B. WILLIAMS

Orange County has lost one of its great pioneers. Warner Bryant "Bry" Williams passed away at his home in Santa Ana on last June seventh.

Born in Austin, Minnesota, on June 17, 1878, he came to Villa Park, California, with his parents when he was two years old. He was a graduate of Santa Ana High School.

After being admitted to the bar he was appointed a deputy district attorney. He served as County Clerk of Orange County from January 1, 1907, to September 11, 1917, when he resigned to enter the banking business.

For many years he was president of the First National Bank of Santa Ana, becoming chairman of its ad-



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Among those who survive him are his wife, Pearl, and his nephew, Charles D. Swanner. His brother, Judge R. Y. Williams, predeceased him several years ago.

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"They have nearly the same range of colors as the neat cattle of Europe; but mouse, dun, and brindle colors—almost infallible signs of 'scrub' blood—are more frequent; and the deep red, fine cream color, and delicate mottling of deep red and white, found only in animals of high blood, are entirely wanting.

"Their legs are long and thin, their noses sharp, their forms graceful, their heads high, their horns long, slender, and widespread; and they have a duskiness about the eyes and nostrils similar to that of the

deer, between which animal and a young Spanish cow there are many points of resemblance.

"The general carriage of a Spanish cow is like that of a wild animal; she is quick, uneasy, restless, frequently on the lookout for danger, snuffing the air, moving with a high and elastic trot, and excited at the sight of man, particularly if afoot, when she will often attack him. In some districts it is, for this reason, unsafe to go about on foot. The herdsmen are always mounted, and to these the cattle are accustomed; but a man afoot is considered to be a dangerous animal, deserving of the same treatment as wolves and coyotes.

"The Spanish cow is small, does not fatten readily, produces little milk, and her meat is not so tender and juicy as that of American cattle.

"The breeding of neat cattle was almost the only business of the country previous to the American conquest, and they were killed for their hides and tallow, which were the chief exports. The meat went to enrich the land; there was too much of it to be eaten."

IN THE MINES

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Veering, changing, trembling, quivering,

Settles on the polar star;
So in souls of those who roam,
Love's magnetic fires are burning,
To the loved ones left at home
Throbbing hearts are ever turning.

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THE SPARROW AND CANARY

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You look tired Walt, she said.

Yes Yes, Father answered.

And that was all.

John didn't dare stop looking
down at his plate.

Then the next morning Butch and
Red and Skinny waited outside the
school.

What did he do, they asked when
John came. What did your father do.

Nothing, John said.

Holy Smoke, they said and stood
around with their eyes filled full of
wonder until the school bell rang and
rang again.

Then late in the afternoon after
lessons were over they made a wild
run for the castle and when they got
there it was locked.

They pulled on the door and they
pushed it and rattled it.

But it was locked.

And Father kept it locked for two
whole weeks.

And John began to think mad
about it.

What will we do.

What can we do.

Then Butch said, We got to have
a dungeon. If we have a dungeon we
can go down in it and read and have
our secret meetings. Every castle's
got to have a dungeon.

Every castle's got to have a dun-
geon, the other boys said after him.

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And so Butch told them, Cut a
hole in the floor under the rug and
dig the dungeon deep down.

But how can we get in now that
it's locked, Skinny asked.

I'll fix that, Red said and he did.
He went to see Cy Perkins and
talked and talked and the next day
he had a key to fit the lock.

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Then they started to dig.

They filled a pail with dirt and they filled another.

My Gosh, Red said as he looked around, what can we do with the dirt.

That stopped the digging for an hour and then John thought about his mother's garden and how it was so low that every time it rained the water made big pools and he said, Let's put the dirt on Mother's garden. She will like it.

Then they dug like gophers.

As the dungeon went down the garden went up.

And Mother came home.

When she saw what she saw she said, Great Heavens what have you boys done, and she said, It's just yellow clay and mud and it will kill everything in the garden. Then she cried.

And when Father came he said, What devilment is this, and he turned to John, Did you do it.

For a long time John stared at the ground. The other boys slunk away.

Then in a voice that was all breath John said, Yes.

And in a hurry he explained that he and Butch and Red and Skinny were so happy about the castle that they wanted to fix up Mother's garden.

The water won't puddle any more, he said.

Where did you get the clay, Father said.

Down at the river, John said.

Take it back, Father said. Take it back every shovelful.

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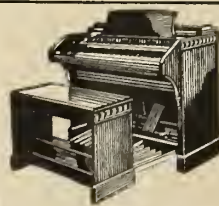
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GRIDLEY

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Both candidates were confident of success and their supporters backed up their judgments with ample bets. But the greatest bet of all was that between Gridley and Dr. H. S. Herrick.

Gridley had been a Douglas Democrat and as such an opponent of secession. In the present election he found himself in a Democratic camp well filled with Southern sympathizers which prompted the pro-Union Reveille to call him "as gallant a Copperhead as ever lived." Naturally Gridley was a supporter of Buel. Dr. H. S. Herrick, a county official, backed Holbrook, the Union party candidate.

The Bet

The terms of the Gridley-Herrick bet were that if Buel lost the election that Gridley should carry a fifty pound sack of flour from his store in upper Austin to Clifton, a distance of about one and one-quarter miles, marching to the tune of "Old John Brown." On the other hand, if Buel were the victor, Herrick was to carry the flour from Clifton to Austin to the tune of "Dixie."

Election day was an exciting one. Buel lost by a narrow margin. On the following morning Herrick and his friends were on hand to witness the paying off of the bet. A procession was formed in front of Gridley's store where the groceryman shouldered a sack of flour tastefully decorated with numerous small flags.

The parade was headed by the newly elected city officers on horseback. Following them walked Gridley accompanied by his ten year old son bearing a flag. Directly behind marched the victorious Dr. Herrick carrying Gridley's coat and cane. Next in line were members of the Democratic Central Committee, two carrying flags, one holding a pole surmounted by a large sponge and another swinging a new broom. The town band brought up the rear.

Everyone was in good humor. The procession moved through crowds of

cheering spectators. The parade ended at the Bank Exchange Saloon where the flour was ceremoniously deposited. The flags were surrendered, the sponge "was thrown in" as a token of surrender and the broom waved in the air to indicate the "clean sweep" of the victors.

The Reveille declared, "Nothing could exceed the good feeling with which the Democratic party surrendered its emblems, and the amiability with which they greeted their municipal rulers. When the ceremonies were completed, the procession again formed, now with the stalwart flour-carrier mounted on a fine horse, and with flags streaming and the band playing National airs, marched back to the front of Grimes & Gibson's saloon, where the generous proprietors invited all to enter and partake freely in honor of the occasion."

The Auction

The important sack of flour was given a place of honor in the saloon and Gridley offered to buy it back for two hundred dollars, the money to be given to the United States Sanitary Commission. The Commission was the Red Cross of Civil War days and did much for the relief and comfort of the soldiers.

Gridley's offer of purchase was the signal for the commencement of an auction. T. B. Wade assumed the role of auctioneer and eager bidders topped Gridley's offer. The flour was declared sold for \$350. The successful bidder not coming forward quickly, Gridley offered to take over the bid. However, M. J. Noyes, one of the newly elected councilmen, insisted upon being permitted to shoulder the honor and poured out a pile of gold pieces. Upon the flour being delivered to him he immediately returned it for resale, the proceeds to go to the Sanitary Fund.

The auction continued. The flour was sold and resold many times. The greatest offer came from the defeated candidate for mayor, David E. Buel. Buel, who was short of gold, having lost heavily on election bets, offered a certificate of indebtedness of the United States Indian Department for \$1,115. As it was payable in

greenbacks, and gold was the only recognized money, his bid was regretfully rejected. However, he later made an offer of a block of town lots which was accepted. Four thousand, three hundred forty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents in cash was realized at the auction.

The sale was continued on the following day and a committee was appointed to take care of the money and transmit it to the Commission.

City Seal

Everyone appreciated the importance of the auction. Upon the formal organization of the city of Austin, the Council adopted a seal for the town whose device was a sack of flour with the motto, "Sanitary Fund, \$5,000." circled with a wreath around which were the words, "Common Council, City of Austin—Incorporated February 20, 1864."

News of the event spread rapidly. Not all observations were kindly. The Sacramento Star, a violent pro-Union newspaper, wrote,


"QUERY.—'Tis said that Gridley, the Austin Sanitary sack-of-flour man, is a Copperhead, and bet on the election of Buel, the Secesh candidate. If such is the case, is this snug

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little sum of thirty-six thousand dollars [the total amount then collected in Nevada] safe in his hands? As far as we are concerned, we prefer not to trust either Copperheads or traitors with even hot stoves, much less with the people's thousands contributed to aid the sick and wounded of our armies. What assurance have we that the money will not be misapplied?"

Coming to the defense of its distinguished citizen the Austin Reveille retorted, "The remarks of the Star seem very improper under the circumstances, and we believe that on sober second thought it will make whatever amends are in its power.

"Mr. Gridley is an old Douglas Democrat, and, although acting with the Copperhead party, his honor and devotion to the humane effort of relieving the sick and wounded soldier are undoubted by those who know him best. He received from the officers of the Sanitary Fund of this city the very highest testimonials, which alone should have satisfied the editor of the Star, had he the real interest of the Fund at heart. Why any paper of the pretensions of the Star should attempt to cast a chill upon so noble an object as that in which Mr. Gridley is engaged, is more than we can conceive."

Other Auctions

Observing the enthusiasm that had greeted the auction at Austin the Sanitary Fund Committees in other Nevada towns invited Gridley to bring his sack of flour and visit them. This he graciously did. At Virginia City the auction netted \$6,052.50; at Silver City, \$895, and at Dayton, \$1,299. Gold Hill contributed nearly \$7,000 and a return engagement at Virginia City brought \$12,025.

After the successful tour of the towns of the Comstock Lode, Gridley traveled to California in response to urgent invitations. An enthusiastic meeting was held at the Metropolitan Theatre at San Francisco where Dr. Bellows, head of the Sanitary Commission for California, made an inspiring address. Gridley gave a history of the sack of flour, declaring it to be "A-1 in quality" and manufactured by John Bidwell of Chico, California. He specifically denied accusations of disloyalty to the Union, pointing out that he had fought under the Stars and Stripes

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Returns Home

Gridley did all his traveling at his own expense and he returned to Austin heavily in debt. During his absence his partners had withdrawn from the firm and the store had suffered reverses. He acquired a new partner and set about to recoup his losses. A sharp decline in the price of silver closed many of the mines and Austin's days of prosperity were gone forever.

In 1866 Gridley came back to California with his wife and four children. He was virtually destitute when he arrived in Stockton. His wife was sick. He, himself, was on crutches, suffering intensely from rheumatism. He moved to Paradise, in Stanislaus County, where he opened a little grocery store. With all his reverses, Gridley was not discouraged. He planned to move to the new town of Modesto where he intended to operate a lumber yard in connection with a store. On November 24, 1870, he passed away before his plans were carried out. His faithful wife moved to Modesto where she established herself in the mercantile business which she conducted until her retirement in 1881.

Gridley was placed to rest in the Stockton Rural Cemetery. In 1887 the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic erected a handsome statue above his grave. On the base appear these words:

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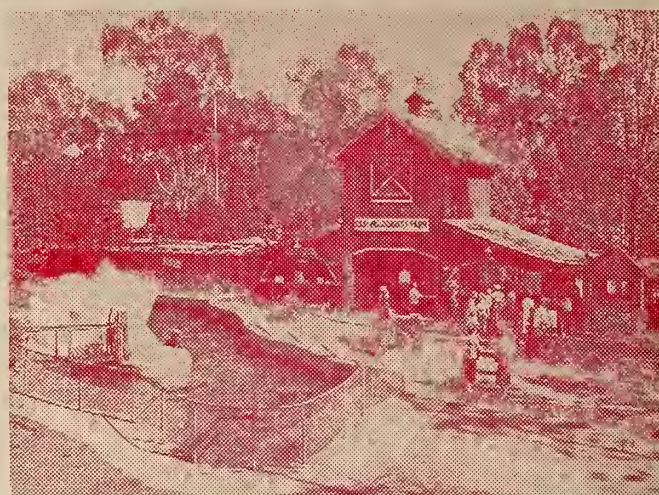


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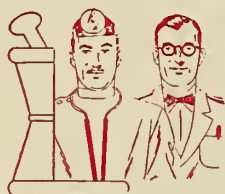
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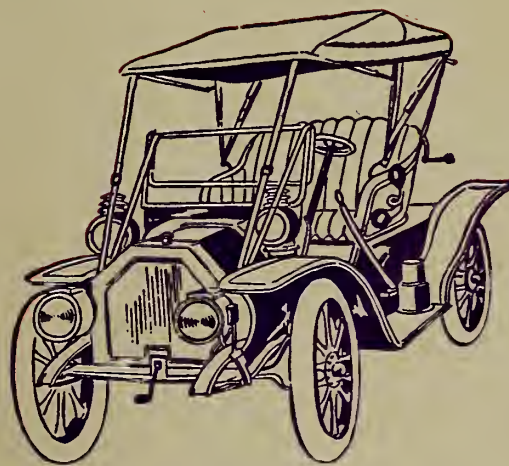
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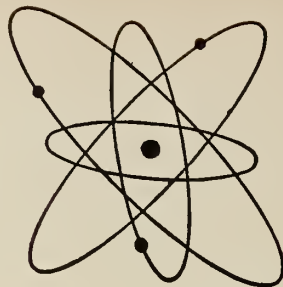
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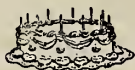
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Anaheim's first industry was the making of wine. In fact, the city was founded for the express purpose of growing grapes to make wine to supply the needs of the firm of Kohler & Frohling of San Francisco. The formation of this firm had been inspired by a whimsical remark.

Back in 1853 Charles Kohler had an orchestra in San Francisco. He and two of his fellow musicians, John Frohling and John Beutler, would frequently picnic on the beach near where the Cliff House now stands. On one of these excursions Kohler brought along several bunches of grapes which had just arrived by steamer from Los Angeles.

Impulsive Beutler gazed rapturously at the luscious fruit and exclaimed, "Boys, I have hit upon the right idea; let's build an altar to Bacchus and go into the wine business!" A new idea and a good one! In the weeks that followed the three friends made plans. None of them knew anything about making wine, but their enthusiasm made up for their inexperience.

Beutler dropped out of the venture when he was summoned back east because of the illness of his wife. In the following spring Frohling paid a visit to Los Angeles. He wrote back to his associate, "I have just bought a vineyard; send me \$4,000." Somehow Kohler scraped together the money and the partners were launched into business. They met difficulty during the first years of their enterprise and were compelled to supplement their incomes by carrying on their musical profession at night.

The partners realized that they must obtain a dependable source of wine supply. They contacted George Hansen, a young Los Angeles surveyor. There is no record as to who conceived the ambitious idea of founding a colony to grow grapes, but on February 24, 1857, a group of Germans met in San Francisco



The home of Theodore Reiser has been remodeled and made into a cafeteria for the employees of Kwikset Locks, Inc. The building stands upon the original Vineyard Lot G-2 which was first deeded to Jacob Hartmann in 1859. Reiser, who acquired the land in 1865, was one of Anaheim's greatest vintners and its leading citizen for many years. His winery, which stood a short distance north of his home, was torn down a few years ago.

where Hansen addressed them "concerning the profit and advisability of grape culture."

Then and there the Los Angeles Vineyard Society was formed and Hansen was delegated to find a suitable tract of land to be planted to grapes. After much search he selected the present site of Anaheim, purchasing for the society 1165 acres of land for two dollars an acre. The land was part of the Rancho San Juan Cajon de Santa Ana which had been granted to Juan Pacifico Ontiveras in 1837.

Hansen hired a crew of Mexicans and Indians who dug a ditch from the Santa Ana River to the townsite. He divided the land into 50 twenty acre vineyard lots and 64 one-half acre town lots. Purchasing cuttings from William Wolfskill, pioneer nurseryman of Los Angeles, he planted eight acres of each vineyard lot to grapes. Each lot was fenced with willow poles which soon took root and grew.

In 1860 the first settlers came down from San Francisco to build homes. The early years were full of hardships. None of the colonists had ever had any farming experience. Only one of them had ever made wine. However, they prospered, wine production increasing from 75,000 gallons in 1861 to more than 1,250,000 gallons in 1884.

At one time there were forty-seven wineries within the original townsite. Two of the most famous of these were the Moho, operated by Carl F. Rust, and that established by T. J. F. Boege.

The colonists had a knack of making money on their wine and brandy even though they sold it for less than the government tax. It seems that they kept the revenue stamps in good, clean, workable condition, so they could be transferred from one keg to another!

In 1885 a strange disease attacked the vineyards and within five years

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IT ALL STARTED IN SAN FRANCISCO



MISSION BELLS AND STATUE OF FATHER SERRA

THE founding of the Mission of San Juan Capistrano was another step in the settlement of California. It was part of a three-fold colonization program: to (1) establish presidios (military posts) to maintain order and protect the frontier; (2) found pueblos (cities) to effectively populate the territory and provide centers of culture; and (3) create missions to Christianize and civilize the Indians.

While the missions were in charge of the Franciscan padres, it was the Spanish Government that authorized their establishment. Thus, it was by special authorization of Antonio M. Bucareli, Viceroy of New Spain, that San Juan Capistrano Mission was built.

Order Given

Bucareli's order was received at Monterey on August 10, 1775. It was addressed to military commander Fernando de Rivera y Moncada and to Junipero Serra, Father President of the missions, and authorized them to establish two additional missions in California. It was agreed between these two men that one of the new missionary centers would be located between the missions of San

Diego and San Gabriel. It would be called **San Juan Capistrano**, that name being next in order on the list of patron saints provided by Bucareli.

Father Serra appointed two priests, Fermin de Lasuen of San Carlos and Gregorio Amurrio of San Luis Obispo to found the mission. Before the end of August these padres left Monterey and went to San Gabriel. There Amurrio remained to collect goods and cattle. Lasuen proceeded to the presidio at San Diego where he made arrangements with the commandant to examine the site of the new establishment. A survey was made and the location was deemed suitable.

In the last part of October, Amurrio was notified to bring down his supplies. Lasuen came northward from San Diego with a detachment of soldiers under Lt. José Francisco de Ortega, arriving at the site of the new mission on October 30, 1775. A cross was immediately constructed and raised. An **enramada** or arbor was built in which an altar was erected. There Father Lasuen offered up the first Mass. Curious and friendly Indians gathered to watch proceedings, many of whom remain-

ed to help cut and haul lumber for a chapel and dwelling.

Work Stopped

On November seventh, Father Amurrio appeared with supplies and cattle. On the same day a courier arrived from the south bringing the distressing news that Indians had attacked and burned the San Diego Mission and killed one of the missionaries. It was necessary for Ortega to immediately return to the presidio. At his request Amurrio and Lasuen suspended building operations, buried their two bells, and proceeded to San Diego.

When conditions had become peaceful in the south the padres expressed their desire to return to San Juan Capistrano. For nearly a year their plans were thwarted by the perverse attitude of the commandant, Rivera. It was not until this stubborn gentleman received a mandate in no uncertain terms from Viceroy Bucareli that he detailed a guard of soldiers to accompany the priests to the north.

Upon receipt of this order Junipero Serra, Father President of the Missions, decided to personally re-establish San Juan Capistrano. He was accompanied by Fathers Pablo Mugartegui and Gregorio Amurrio. Lasuen remained behind as senior missionary.

Mission Again Founded

On October 30, 1776, exactly one year after Lasuen had first arrived at the site, Serra's party came to the location of the seventh mission. The cross, which had been erected by Lasuen, was still in place. The bells were dug up. Hearing them ring, Indians hastened to greet the newcomers.

An arbor was constructed and Father Serra offered up High Mass on All Saints Day, November 1, 1776. This day is the one that is celebrated as the date of the formal founding of the Mission San Juan Capistrano.

Serra then proceeded to San Gabriel Mission where he obtained

San Juan Capistrano

"The Helrose of the Missions"

Indian neophytes to assist him in building operations and to teach natives the advantages of a Christian life. He also collected additional supplies and cattle. The return trip to San Juan Capistrano was a tedious one because of the slow moving cattle. Father Serra became impatient and left the main party and went ahead.

Serra's Life Threatened

He was about ten leagues along his journey (probably somewhere near the northern boundary of what is now Orange County) when he was suddenly surrounded by a war party of screaming, painted, naked savages. Unlike most Indians he had encountered, these men were decidedly hostile. Several adjusted arrows to the strings of their bows. Serra was certain that his last hour had come.

A resourceful San Gabriel neophyte shouted to the menacing Indians in their own tongue, warning them that a large party of soldiers were coming up from behind who would surely kill them if they did any harm to the white man. His uttered inspiration had immediate effect. Everything became peaceful.

Father Serra made the sign of the Cross, distributed glass beads among his erstwhile enemies and continued his journey in safety. Shortly afterwards he returned to Mission San Carlos.

The resident padres proceeded enthusiastically with their work. The land was very fertile and the Indians friendly and cooperative. An expert native interpreter from San Gabriel proved of great assistance in explaining the Christian religion.

First Baptism

Father Amurrio made the first entry in the book of baptisms, writing, "On December 19, 1776, in the church of this Mission of San Juan Capistrano, I solemnly baptized a child called in its pagan state Nanajibar, about six or seven years old, the son of pagan parents . . . upon whom I conferred the name of Juan Bautista."

The baptism took place in a temporary chapel. It was not until the following year, 1777, that a permanent church was erected. This new structure, made of adobe bricks, was enlarged about seven years later. This edifice, which is called "Father Serra's Church," still stands and is

believed to be the oldest building in California.

The first marriage at the mission was performed on January 23, 1777, by Father Mugartegui. Those married were neophytes of the mission, named Saturnino and Brigida. The first funeral services were conducted on the thirteenth day of the following July.

Father Serra arrived at San Juan Capistrano in the Fall of 1778 to perform the first confirmation rites at the Mission. He wrote, "On October 23, 1778, the feast of the most glorious San Juan Capistrano . . . in the new mission . . . I confirmed in due form the fifty-seven neophytes who were disposed and prepared for that important function." Serra's next and last visit to the Mission took place in October, 1784. He died in the following year at the Mission San Carlos.

Progress

According to its annual report of 1784 the Mission had prospered in the eight years since its reestablishment. There had been 566 baptisms and 126 marriages. Four hundred thirty-one Indian converts were on the rolls. The Mission owned 703 cattle, 304 sheep, 1,353 goats, 59 horses and 12 mules. During the year it had harvested 665 bushels of wheat, 2,383 bushels of corn, and 100 bushels of beans. An excellent record of achievement of labor by Indians who had known nothing of agriculture a few years before!

New Church

Toward the close of the century it became apparent that a new and larger church was needed. More

than 1,000 converted Indians now lived at the Mission of whom about 700 were of church-going age.

The resident missionaries, Fathers Vicente Fuster and Juan Norberto de Santiago, determined to build the largest and finest church in California. The first stone of this imposing project was laid on March 2, 1797.

The structure, in the shape of a Latin cross, was 180 feet long. At the south end of the church was a campanario or bell tower, 120 feet in height. The walls were from four to six feet in thickness. The structure was covered by seven domes of masonry, the one over the sanctuary being still in place today.

This beautiful church was built of sandstone quarried at a locality about six miles northeast of the Mission. Limestone, for making lime, was obtained near what is now El Toro, and was brought to the mission for burning. Pavement tiles were fired in nearby kilns. Sycamore wood, used for doors and window casings, was obtained from Trabuco Canyon.

Most of the construction work was supervised by a master mason, Isidro Aguilar, imported from Mexico through the efforts of Governor Arillaga. No doubt this man was the architect of the structure. There is a tradition that he was not a Christian, but of Aztec faith. Supporters of this questionable theory point out that many of the carved decorations resemble pagan sun-symbols and that there is nothing of a Christian nature in the plans except that the building is cruciform in shape.

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OLD CHURCH DESTROYED IN 1912

JOSEPH BENNERSCHIEDT

RUGGED INDIVIDUALIST

Back in the early Nineties the city fathers of Anaheim engaged in a series of legal jousts with Joseph Bennerscheidt. Their adversary was a man of great resourcefulness and ability. What is more, he was a rugged individualist.

When local authorities ordered him to pay a city license to operate a water distribution system, Bennerscheidt balked. After all, wasn't this a free country? Why should he pay a license to conduct an honest business?

The town trustees were as adamant as the water works proprietor. They filed a law suit to collect the license. Engaging the services of H. W. Chynoweth, an able lawyer, Bennerscheidt won the case. His victory marked the beginning of two years of litigation. Case after case was tried. The city always lost. Yes, Mr. Chynoweth was indeed an able lawyer.

Then a dreadful thing happened. Chynoweth was appointed city attorney and one of his first duties was to institute legal action against his erstwhile client to collect the license. For the first time Bennerscheidt lost. It was also the last time for he saw that further resistance was futile.

Joseph Bennerscheidt was born in Rhenish Province of Germany on January 16, 1844. He attended school until he was thirteen when he was apprenticed to become a tinner. After four years of training he became a journeyman and practiced his trade in both Germany and Belgium. At the age of twenty-two he came to the United States and in 1870 he arrived in Anaheim.

There he erected a building on the northeast corner of Clementine and Center Streets where he engaged in the roofing, tinning and plumbing business. He was a versatile man and engaged in many ventures, not the

least important of which was a public illuminating gas system whose production plant he erected on South Clementine Street. Bennerscheidt drilled the water well for the Central School which was built in 1879.

He never had much faith in banks and always kept a sizeable amount of money hidden about his place of business. No doubt he had witnessed the failure of enough financial institutions to make him dubious of their stability.

In 1872 he married seventeen year old Eliese Werder, a daughter of Hermann Werder, one of the original Anaheim colonists, who owned a twenty acre vineyard at the northeast corner of West and South Streets. The last survivor of the children of this marriage, Louise Berdrow, passed away last December. She is survived by a son, Earl Lester Berdrow, of McFarland. Two years after the death of his wife, Joseph Bennerscheidt married his wife's sister, Emma. One son, Louis, was born to this union.

After the passing of the elder Bennerscheidt, the children agreed to shorten the family name to Benner.

Louis A. Benner was taught the sheet metal trade by his father. In later years he recalled the great patience that his father displayed in carefully explaining to him the business for which he was known as a master craftsman.

The Benner Sheet Metal Works was established by Louis A. Benner and is a direct outgrowth of the business started by his father. This firm is the oldest manufacturing establishment in Anaheim and has just celebrated its eighty-fifth birthday. Since the death of Louis A. Benner in 1948, it has been managed by his son, Robert L. Benner.



(PHOTO c. 1890)

JOSEPH BENNERSCHIEDT CHECKS HIS INVENTORY AT HIS STORE ON CLEMENTINE AND CENTER STREETS



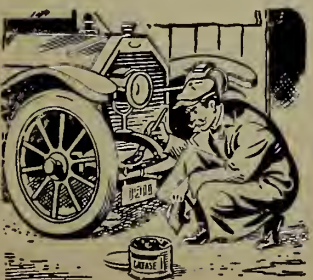
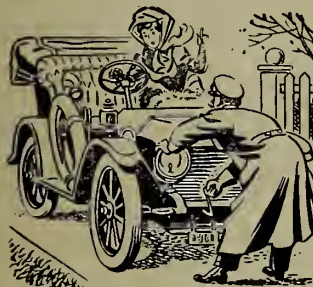
FROM HORSE TO HORSELESS

THE MEMOIRS OF HERBERT ALLAN JOHNSTON, M.D.

Part Five



Remember When?



FOR many years the horse had been the doctor's best and most faithful friend. He was always ready to take the physician to visit the home of the sick at any hour, day or night. On wet, cold nights his ears might point backward, showing a slight displeasure at having to go out under such trying conditions.

I can imagine the unhappiness it must have kindled in Dobbin's mind when the question of his sovereignty of the highway began to be challenged. For centuries he had full possession of all the rights, privileges and preferences of the road. The only disturbing factor that he had noticed was the railroad train, but it was not too bad, and, while it was frightfully noisy, it never touched his domain except to cross it, usually at a great speed.

I recall coming home one very dark, rainy night. We both noticed two dim lights on the road coming towards us, apparently sliding from side to side in the slippery mud. My horse stopped short, looking, wondering, his thoughts forcibly expressed by the tension of his muscles. He was trying to decide what he should do. He sensed that a dangerous monster was coming toward him. I quickly jumped out, and walked along beside him keeping up a continuous word of encouragement, grasping hold of the bridle and patting him gently.

He was very restless and terribly frightened, trying at times to get away and turn back. The noisy thing came up slowly, belching its fiery breath with continual, uncanny explosions following each other in irregular rhythm. My greatest peril was when the horse reared and plunged as the snorting behemoth approached us and passed by.

Presently, the noise having decreased with the distance, the horse

became quiet, and I climbed into the buggy and soon was home.

I wondered if the horse was going to be supplanted by the automobile and how the transition could possibly take place. There were a few cars in Los Angeles and two or three in Orange County. Peter Weisel was one of the first owners, if not the first, of an automobile in Anaheim. He was the proud possessor of an Oldsmobile.

My First Ride

One evening, the late Dr. George C. Clark of Fullerton called me to accompany him to Olinda to see a patient in consultation. He had also just purchased an Olds. He came for me and I had my first auto ride. The roads were very rough and full of holes. Many places, where the wheels sank into the sand, required shifts to low gear in order to pull out. I noticed the increase of the wind as we rode along when our speed would reach twenty-five miles per hour on the occasional smoother pieces of road.

I could readily see that there were wonderful possibilities for the doctor in the use of the automobile, but feared the roads, especially the mud in winter. Pete Weisel sold me his Olds for three hundred and fifty dollars, as he wanted to buy a new model that had just come on the market.

I could not feel too sure of my automobile. It was a single cylinder, commonly called a "one lunger." It was steered by a tiller which one would shift from side to side in directing its pathway. The dashboard was hardly worthy of the name, for it consisted merely of a curved part of the body floor about six or eight inches high.

Early Models

There was no top on the early models. In summer, the linen duster

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The Sparrow and Canary

by

Louis Danz

PART VII

ONE morning it was after Halloween and the hands of the clock in the tower of the little town hall were missing and that morning the constable walked into the castle.

His shoulders were as wide as a church door and his head was fastened on tight without a neck and his hands hung down like hooks.

He stared at John and then at Butch and Red and Skinny. His bushy eyebrows made black holes out of his eyes.

He shifted from one foot to the other and he pulled at his ear as if he wanted to take it off. Then he looked around the room. He looked at the table made from a box and at the old chairs and at the faded rug Red had brought from home and he looked at the curtains Mother had made for the window.

After that he put a big chew of tobacco in his mouth and without a word he turned and went out the door.

Outside he stopped and took a long look at the castle and then he shook his head and spit out a big mouthful of tobacco juice.

And he was gone.

For a full minute running over, the boys stood like trees.

The missing hands of the town hall clock were hidden under their feet in the dungeon.

YES Yes.

How fast they grow.

There was John tall and slender. His big eyes looked out into the world.

They were still full of being afraid.

And people would say, How strange his eyes have never grown up.

But when Father looked into those eyes he thought what he saw in them was goodness.

John's brown hair was parted in the middle and slicked down with vaseline. Little by little the red had gone from his cheeks until now his skin was like his mother's. He could stand longer in front of a mirror than an actress and not get tired. He didn't speak much but he was always remembering about everything and sometimes his thoughts would be like fists inside his head fighting so he could think what he wanted to think and then he would get as angry as a kettle bubbling on a stove and a lot of exciting words would fill him all over inside and come up in his throat and even into his mouth and then all of a sudden he would be afraid and his teeth would shut like gates and the words would never be said.

Father was very proud of him and he would say, John is smart and he doesn't talk unless he is spoken to, and he would say, He's like a deep well that makes a sound only when something drops into it.

Of course Father didn't know John liked girls.

He couldn't look inside John.

He didn't know how much John liked Hattie.

And of course John wanted to know anything about everything.

Didn't he always open bottles to smell what was in them and tear envelopes apart to see what was inside and didn't he like to put his hands in empty paper bags and crawl under bushes and didn't he always want to listen to people talking when he couldn't understand.

That was wanting to know.

It was summer. School was almost over.

Hattie and John went in swimming. Hattie's hair looked like part of the sun and her eyes matched the sky.

That night he didn't sleep much.

The next day at school he slipped a note into Hattie's reader and it said, I love you.

WHEN lightning strikes a tree it leaves a black scar.

And it happened to Uncle Dan.

One day Aunt Dot was standing in the kitchen getting supper and she said, Oh Oh, and fell on the floor.

Everybody was surprised.

She gave up her life like a bird, they said.

Later at the cemetery the minster's feet crunched in the snow and he said, Death is a great light that shines in eternity, but Uncle Dan said, It's just as if a black curtain came between me and everything.

All the people in town talked about Aunt Dot after she was gone.

She was a wonderful soul, the women said.

She made him a fine wife, the men said.

And Mrs. Schultz shook her long thin curls and said, They say such nice things about you after you are dead. I just can't wait.

Well it took a long time for Uncle Dan's smile to come back to where it always had been and even then the sadness was still in it and people said, He takes it pretty hard.

And that is how it was.



First Uncle Dan gave away Aunt Dot's clothes and all her pretty things.

It's the way she would want it, he said.

Then later he sold the house.

Come live with us, John's mother said.

But Uncle Dan said, No, and he said, No house is bigger than one family, and he went to live in the back of his drug store and he bought a little oil stove to make his coffee for breakfast and he took his other meals at Grady's.

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For a long time Mrs. Grady cooked special dishes for Uncle Dan. She made things he liked.

Noodle soup with pieces of chicken in it.

Lamb stew with dumplings almost as big as baseballs.

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And when people came into his drug store they talked in low voices.

* * *

Then soon it was all over.

* * *

But Uncle Dan went on being good to everybody. That was the way he was.

Why one day when John was in the drug store the front door opened. It opened by slow inches and Cy Perkins came in.

Cy never made any noise now.

He walked in whispers.

He was old looking and thin. His coat hung from him like a coat on a closet hook. His yellow hair ran over his head as if an egg had been broken over him and the yolk had run down. His nose was a carrot leaning out over his chin. His eyes were watery dots in sore red circles.

He still said he was an inventor.

He still spent most of his time not working.

It's all gone Doc, he said and he held up an empty bottle. His hand shook. His voice was so soft John could just hear it.

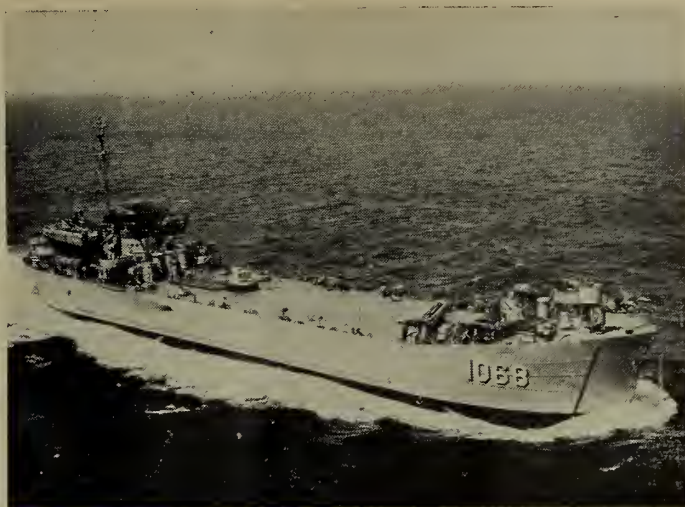
All right Cy, Uncle Dan said. You must wait a minute and I'll fill it. And he took the bottle to the back of the store. Cy walked over to the cigar counter and looked at the rows of boxes each one in perfect order and he called out, Can I put a cigar on the bill Doc.

Uncle Dan didn't answer.

Oh I say Doc, Cy called again.

What is it Cy.

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U. S. SHIP ORANGE COUNTY

On last July fourth, the LST (Landing Ship Tank) No. 1068 was formally renamed the USS Orange County. The christening ceremonies took place at Pier A, at the foot of Pico Street, in Long Beach, California. Orange County was officially represented by C. M. Featherly of Santa Ana, a member of the Board of Supervisors, who made a short address.

The renaming of the ship is in accordance with the program of the Navy to identify all vessels of the LST class with the names of counties of the United States. In view of the fact that Orange County possesses several important Naval and Marine installations, it is particularly appropriate that an LST should bear its name.

The USS Orange County is commanded by Lt. Lewayne Thompson and its home port is Long Beach. It was built in the Bethlehem-Hingham Shipyard of Hingham, Massachusetts and was commissioned early in 1945. After its sea trials off the east coast it steamed to Pearl Harbor by way of the Panama Canal.

It saw service in World War II in making supply runs to various islands in the Pacific. At the close of the war it sailed to Bremerton, Washington, where it was decommissioned in 1946. From there it was towed to Astoria, Oregon, where it became a part of the Pacific Reserve Fleet, Columbia River Group, at the Tongue Point Naval Establishment. There it remained for four years.

With the outbreak of the Korean War it was brought out of "mothballs" and was recommissioned on September 8, 1950. After sea trials on the Columbia River it steamed to San Diego and from there to the Far East.

The Orange County arrived at Yokosuka, Japan, in February of 1951. According to naval records it "made its first entrance into Korean waters when it made a dawn rendezvous with the USS Philippine Sea to receive a helicopter on the main deck for transportation to Sasebo, Japan. In April the ship loaded troops at Pusan, on the southern tip of Korea, carried them to Inchon, Korea, at the time of the heavy fighting to regain lost Seoul, and then returned to Pusan." After more service the ship was sent to the Naval Shipyard, at Long Beach, for overhaul.

In January, 1952, the Orange County returned to the Far Pacific waters. It loaded troops at Camp McGill, in Japan, and then proceeded by way of the Shimonoseki Straits to the snow-covered Sok-cho-ri, Korea, "at that time a site of bitter winter fighting." Thereafter it made prisoner hauls from Pusan to Koje-do. In the weeks that followed it was busy in and about Korea and Japan. The ship arrived in San Diego in the late fall and underwent another overhaul on the west coast.

On July 27, 1953, the day of the Korean Truce, it started back for its third tour of duty in Asiatic waters. During this time the Orange County achieved the number one position in the Training and Readiness competition among LST type ships of the Pacific Fleet.

Its home port was officially changed from San Diego to Long Beach on October 1, 1954.

Nothing improves your driving like having a police car right behind you or seeing a motorcycle cop parked at the intersection.—National Motorist.

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Buena Park's Oldest Business

The Buena Park Lumber Company is the oldest business in Buena Park. Its founder, Arni Nelson, was an energetic Iclander with an astounding versatility in matters of business. At the turn of the century he was farming south of Buena Park.

Moving to town he commenced the wholesale manufacture of ice cream, shipping most of his product to Los Angeles. He obtained his cream from the Lily Creamery, a local pioneer concern in the canning of evaporated milk.

Nelson next decided that Buena Park needed a barber shop so he opened a "tonsorial parlor" at the corner of Ninth and Grand Avenues. As a natural adjunct to his shop he added a few pool tables. When the bicycle craze reached Southern California he opened a repair shop at the rear of his premises.

In 1904 he built a feed warehouse near the Southern Pacific tracks and

in the same year acquired a stock of lumber. Then and there the Buena Park Lumber Company was born. Here he continued in business until 1915 when he purchased the property where the company is now situated. After moving his business to its present location he built a bean warehouse. In 1921 he opened the Buena Park Hardware Store.

His son, Richard G. "Dick" Nelson, acquired the lumber business in 1924 and bought the hardware store in 1942. These he operated jointly until illness compelled his retirement in 1951. He passed away in 1953. "Dick" Nelson had a genius for business which even excelled that of his father. His untimely passing was a distinct loss to Buena Park.

The business is now managed by Richard G. Nelson's two sons, James H. "Jim" Nelson and Richard D. "Bud" Nelson. James was recently elected president of the Buena Park Chamber of Commerce.

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LOS GATOS

Gatos is the Spanish word for "cats." However, in this case, the cats referred to are wild cats found in the nearby mountain areas. The town, Los Gatos, preserves the name of the land grant, Rinconada de los Gatos, on which it is situated. This community was first known as Forbes Mill and was laid out by J. A. Forbes in 1850.



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THE MINING LAWS OF JACKASS GULCH

In 1851 the miners in the vicinity of Jackass Gulch, in Tuolumne County, met and adopted the following laws to govern the operation of claims in that vicinity:

"First, That each person can hold one claim by virtue of occupation, but it must not exceed one hundred feet square.

"Second, That a claim or claims, if held by purchase, must be under a bill of sale, and certified to by two disinterested persons as to the genuineness of signature and of the consideration given.

"Third, That a jury of five persons shall decide any question arising under the previous article.

"Fourth, That notices of claims must be renewed every ten days until water to work the said claims is to be had.

"Fifth, That, as soon as there is sufficiency of water for working a claim, five days' absence from said claim, except in case of sickness, accident, or reasonable excuse, shall forfeit the property.

"Sixth, That these rules shall extend over Jackass and Soldier Gulches, and their tributaries."

PIONEER DENTISTRY

In a letter dated March 29, 1857, William H. Brown of North Branch, Calaveras County, described his experience with a dentist.

He wrote, "Excuse me for tiring your patience, but I want to tell you about an operation which I passed through a few days since. In the first place, imagine yourself seated on an old soap box in what is termed a doctor's office here in the mountains and the dentist so called, a very large raw boned Pike Countian with both hands full of the old fashioned instruments and singing out at the same time, 'Open your mouth as wide as you can.'

"Then comes the tug of war. I tell you I have never passed through or experienced anything that gets me like it does to have a tooth extracted by a mountain dentist with the tools they use. I think the instruments, if I may call them by that name, are beter adapted to use in a mining claim than on a person's teeth."

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 ducted the Living Cross Chorus for
 Easter sunrise services there for
 thirty-six years, passed away last
 June eighteenth.

He was born in Manchester,
 Michigan, on November 2, 1881,
 and after finishing high school he
 went to work for a rubber company.
 In later years he recalled having in-
 stalled the tires on the first Ford
 automobile ever entered in the an-
 nual races at Grosse Point, Michigan.

The great choral director was the
 first and only conductor of the Holly-
 wood Community Sing, now in its
 thirty-eighth year. To him is given
 the chief credit for originating the
 world-famous sunrise Easter services
 at the Bowl.

Of him the Rev. Merrill Brinin-
 stool said, "He had the ability to pull
 music out of everyone he met, re-
 gardless of whether the others had
 it in them or not; he made them sing."

FIRST RADIO NEWSCASTER

Paul W. White, "father of radio
 news," passed away at his home in
 San Diego last July ninth. In 1930,
 after a seventeen year career as a
 newspaper man, he became director
 of news for the Columbia Broadcas-
 ting System in New York.

Three years later he organized
 the Columbia News Service, a global
 wire report which furnished daily
 news broadcasts. In March, 1938,
 he established a radio news cover-
 age by correspondents in various
 capitals of Europe.

He retired in 1946 and came to
 San Diego where he wrote a book,
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"(2) That no man shall be allowed to leave the company without general consent till we reach the mines.

"(3) That any one leaving with our consent shall have back his original investment.

"(4) That we work together in the mines, and use our tools in common.

"(5) That each man shall retain all the gold he finds, but must contribute an equal portion of our daily expenses.

"(6) That we stand by each other.

"(7) That each man shall in turn cook, and do his share of the drudgery.

"(8) That any one guilty of stealing shall be expelled from tent and claim, with such other punishment as a majority of our company decide upon.

"(9) That no sick comrade be abandoned."

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FIRST INDUSTRY

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over 2,000,000 vines were dead. There were those who said that this destruction was wrought through the wrath of God who opposed the making of wine. However, the late Mrs. Thomas S. Grimshaw disagreed with this theory, pointing out that the raisin grapes at El Modena died along with the wine varieties.

The Anaheim grape culture is now a memory. No wineries now stand except that built by Benjamin Dreyfus just before the blight. This building is situated on the Santa Ana Freeway west of the city.

The official seal of the City of Anaheim still bears a bunch of grapes as its device. It was adopted at a time when wine was the all important industry of the community.

With the passing of the grape, oranges were planted and Anaheim became the center of the great Valencia bearing groves. Now these trees are being removed to make way for numerous subdivisions.

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SPARROW AND CANARY

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What's that.

Can I put a cigar and a plug of
chew and a box of snuff on the bill.

Uncle Dan came out from behind
the back counter and gave Cy the
bottle. Now what did you ask Cy,
he said and without waiting for an
answer he opened the cigar case
and took out a box of cigars, Here
you are, he said, Help yourself, and
then he tossed Cy the chewing
tobacco and the snuff.

Thanks, Cy said.

He lit the cigar.

His face lighted up with the match.

How's everything at home, Uncle
Dan said.

Wife not so good, Cy said. Can't
stand the work like she used to.

Cy's eyes bleared up and he dried
them with his thumb and tucked the
bottle under his arm. Then he leaned
over the counter as far as he could.
Got a new invention, he said and he
looked around to be sure no one else
could hear. I've got to be careful
you know. Don't get time even to
scratch myself.

Then he shuffled out.

The door closed after him by slow
inches.

Uncle Dan looked at John and tap-
ped his forehead with his fingers and
said, Some day he might invent
something and everybody will forget
who he was.

John said, But Uncle Dan he won't
ever pay you for those things. He
never pays anyone.

But Uncle Dan pretended he didn't
hear.

That's the way he was.

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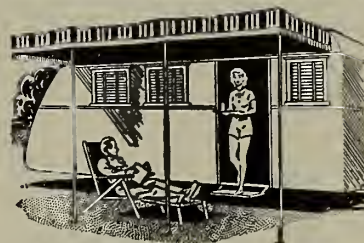
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The town is named from the rancho on which it is situated. It was the name given to a station of the Santa Fe when it built its coast line from Los Angeles to Oceanside in the late 1880's.

BIOLA

Biola was a name coined from the initials of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, by William G. Kerchoff when he established this town in Fresno county in 1912. Kerchoff was an ardent supporter of the religious organization in Los Angeles.

ALTAVILLE

Alta is the Spanish word for "high," therefore many localities have incorporated the word in their place names. Altaville is a hybrid name combining the Spanish word Alta and the French word ville

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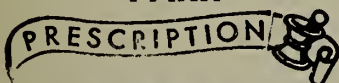
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meaning village. The old mining camp of the early gold days of Calaveras county was known by such names as Forks-of-the Road, Low Divide, Cherokee Flat and Winter-ton before the people of the community held a meeting on December 19, 1857 and chose the present name Altaville

The locality was well known for its gold and quartz veins which were good both in quantity and quality. In 1866 in the shaft of one of the old mines, the "Calaveras Skull" was found. Josiah D. Whitney, a noted geologist, maintained that this proved the existence of man in California in the prehistoric pliocene period. There was much controversy at the time but it is considered to have been a hoax. Bret Harte used the "find" as material for his To A Pliocene Skull which ends with the skull's answer to the questions concerning its origin in these words:

"Which my name is Bowers, and my crust was busted
Falling down a shaft in Calaveras County;
But I'd take it kindly if you'd sent the pieces
Home to old Missouri!"

FIRST FOREST FIRE

By the study of fire scars on tree rings of the big Redwoods, Ellsworth Huntington calculated that the first forest fire in the Sierra Nevadas took place in 245 A.D.

CAPISTRANO

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Over nine years were consumed in the erection of the church. Upon its completion, a beautiful altar, obtained from Mexico, was installed.

The edifice was formally dedicated on September 7, 1806, by Estevan Tapis, then Father President of the California Missions. It was a joyous occasion attended by many dignitaries of the clergy. Distinguished laymen present were headed by Governor Jose Joaquin de Arrillaga.

Earthquake

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The story of its destruction in 1812 is best told in a report by the resident missionaries: "On the eighth day of this month [December] . . . a terrible earthquake occurred while the first holy Mass was being celebrated . . . In a moment it completely destroyed the new church built of masonry. It required more than nine years to construct it, but it lasted no more than six years and three months to the day . . . The tower tottered twice. At the second shock it fell on the portal and bore this down, causing the concrete roof to cave in as far as the transept exclusively. Forty Indians . . . were buried beneath the ruins, only six escaping as by a miracle. Of the whites, none were killed, though some were at the holy Mass."

In the year of this disastrous earthquake, San Juan Capistrano was at the peak of its prosperity. Indian converts numbering 1,361 were on its rolls — the greatest in its history. It was a thriving, peaceful community, humming with industry.

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The patron saint of the mission is best known by his Spanish name of San Juan Capistrano. However, his given name was Giovanni, having been born in Capistran, Italy.

He attended the University of Perugia where he studied civil and canon law and became an accomplished jurist. In 1412 King Ladislaus of Naples appointed him governor of Perugia. In some political machinations that followed he was cast into jail where the king apparently forgot him.

His wife died and when he was freed from prison he joined the Franciscan Order, becoming a priest in 1425. Twenty-eight years later John Capistran approached the zenith of his great career. Mahomet II had captured Constantinople and was marching northward into Europe with the avowed intent of conquering all Christendom.

Pope Calixtus III empowered Father John to preach a crusade against the Turks. On June 3, 1456, Mahomet appeared before Belgrade. Hunyades, governor of Hungary, gathered forces to meet the invaders. John Capistran marched southward with an army of 40,000 men. Armed only with a crucifix and carrying a holy banner, he led the left wing of the Christian army.

On August sixth, Mahomet raised his siege and his forces retreated. Father John Capistran died on the twenty-third day of the following October. He was beatified in 1690 and canonized in 1724.

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of horse and buggy days, was still in use, and the ladies wore broad hats requiring heavy veils to protect their faces and help hold their hats in place. In rainy weather everybody got soaked.

An improvement in the form of a rubber knee cover was soon on the market and a top made after the pattern of the buggy was to be seen on some cars. These were easily attached, and with the top up and the rubber knee cover attached at the upper part of the top, closed the front completely excepting a small opening for a window, and another wide slot for the tiller. The driver and passenger were quite well protected from the elements.

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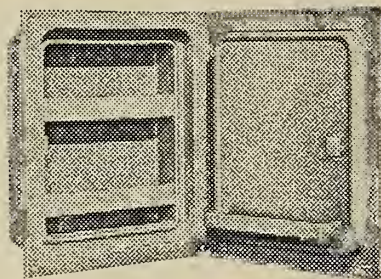
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The motor was under the seat which rested on the box-like body, and the springs, which at first were long, were placed from axle to axle along the side of the body. In some cars, the power was transmitted to the rear axle by a chain which frequently broke, or by an encased shaft, as of today.

To start one of these early automobiles one turned a crank either at the side or in the front. If it kicked back one might receive a broken wrist. This "crank fracture" became fairly common.

Lamps were placed on the ends of the dashboard or on the front axles near the wheels. Acetylene gas was much better than kerosene or carbide and was generally used. One had to carry a supply of gasoline and acetylene at all times and because of the weakness of the pneumatic tires it was necessary to carry a repair kit to care for punctures which were quite common.

No Service Stations

There were no service stations except the fairly common horseshoeing blacksmith shop. The blacksmith was usually cooperative, but many of his customers were far from being so. In fact the blacksmith would take chances on losing a customer if he showed the least preference for the autoist. He would not dare to repair a broken spring if any unshod horses were in his shop.

The breaking of springs was a common occurrence and before long

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The Lighter Side

Many humorous incidents have been told of the early days of the auto. One elderly gentleman purchased a car and took it out on a Sunday morning for a short turn to "warm it up," planning to take his family to church. He started all right and turned into a road leading to Anaheim.

He could not remember how to stop the car and knew that it would not be wise to return to his home for if he could not stop it he would run into one obstruction after another. The family were waiting to go with him to church and were quite worried about him being away so long. He moved all the gadgets he could reach as he rode along, but at last decided to keep going around one block so he might be seen and someone might come to his aid. Passing our home he motioned to a man to come out, but the car kept on going.

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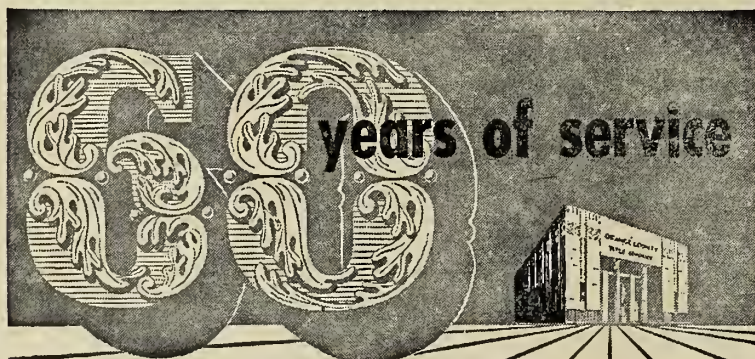
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When he came around the second time he made gestures again. This time the man was interested and was out on the road waiting. When the motorist came around the third time he was going too fast for the man to catch up. On the fourth lap the man was ready to run alongside the car. He caught hold of the car, climbed in and stopped it. The family didn't go to church that Sunday.

Some people believed that the rough riding of the auto could be remedied by having larger wheels, more like the size of the average buggy. Then a car came on the market made very much like a buggy, and because of the extra expense and costly upkeep of the pneumatic tires, this new "buggy" car came equipped with hard rubber tires. It was never very popular yet one of our citizens bought one. He had to make a trip to the hills one day which required that he go down a fairly steep grade. On the return trip his car refused to take him up the grade. Being resourceful, he backed down to the bottom of the hill, turned his car around, reversed the gears and went up backwards successfully.

Unfriendly Public

The public was none too friendly toward the automobile during its early years. I remember having a hurried call to the country and I was driving along Placentia Avenue. I caught up with a man riding in an empty hay wagon. I blew my horn several times to let him see that I was wanting to pass.

The road had been graded recently to a high crown in the center, leaving fairly deep ditches on either side. There was not enough room for me to pass and the driver made no effort to move over to the side of the grade so I might drive by. He remained in the center and let his horses walk. As he paid no attention to my horn I stopped squeezing the horn bulb. In time the road widened out and I could edge by. When my car was even with his horses I opened my engine and cut-out. The noise was plenty to frighten them. They reared and pranced, but I kept close to them, and gradually the team, wagon and driver slid into the ditch!

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tient on a ranch out in the country in an area of light sandy soil. The road through the sand was quite impossible for any automobile if one left the two well packed ruts made by the wheels in passing over it day after day.

Soon after I entered this road I could see a man ahead of me driving a slow team attached to an empty wagon. I sounded my horn, but he just laughed and made no move to let me pass nor did anything to speed up the horses. In what seemed an endless period of time he turned in at a farm house. I followed him in and began unloading my equipment for the phone message told me a boy there had broken his thigh bone.

The man ran into his house to find out if there was any sickness and on coming out told me that had he

known that I was going to his home that he would surely have let me pass! I made no reply, believing that he would feel it more if I said nothing.

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